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### « Thursday's winner

"I hope Michelle doesn't find out that I went to prom with Oprah."

—Wally Lakomy

## random dilemma

We asked. You responded. Here are the results from Thursday's Random Dilemma, in which we asked if you would rather play basketball with Barack Obama or play basketball with Michael Jordan.

63%

Play basketball with Barack Obama

37%

Play basketball with Michael Jordan

Here's another, suggested by RedEye reader Eric Erving: Which would you rather do? Text "pick" and the number of your response to 47383. You'll get the poll results instantly.

Bungee-jump naked (1) OR Mountain climb naked (2)

» Do you have an idea for our Random Dilemma? Send it to us at [ritaredeye@tribune.com](mailto:ritaredeye@tribune.com).



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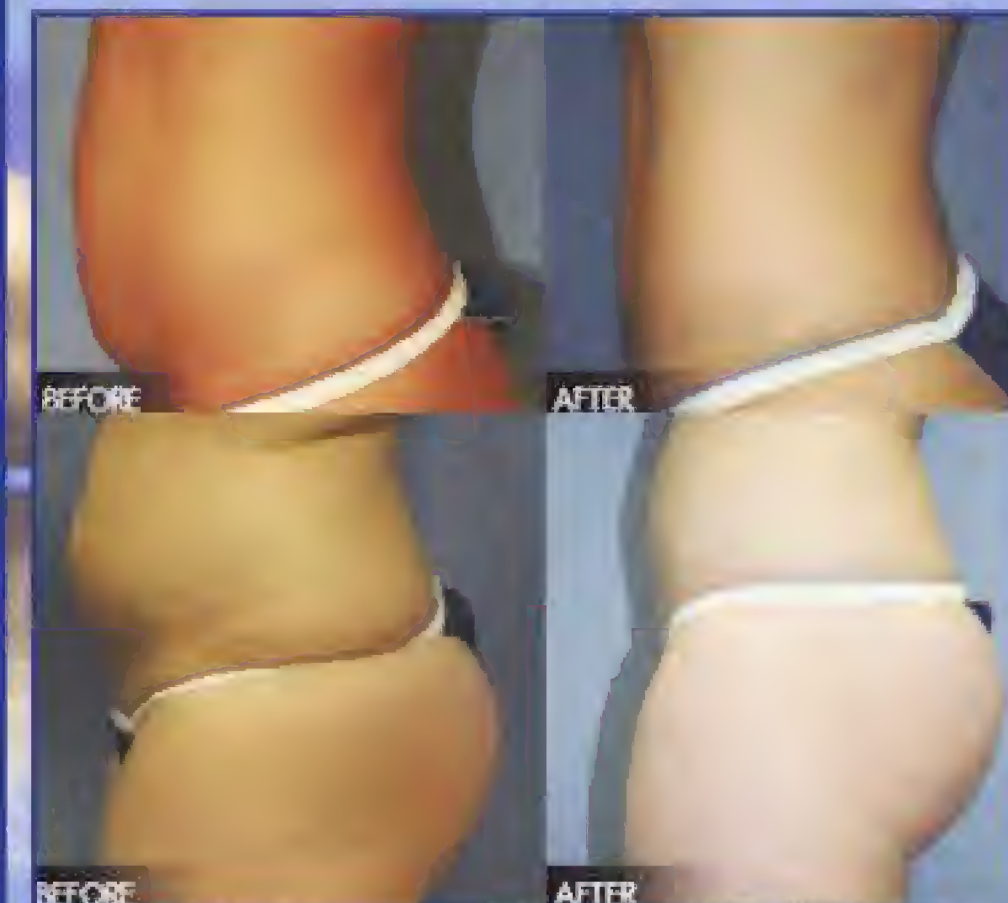
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Rep. Rahm Emanuel (left) talks with Barack Obama in Chicago earlier this year. AP FILE

## Emanuel combines experience, attitude

**Associated Press**

**CHICAGO** Rahm Emanuel combines political instincts, White House experience and a Chicago tough-guy attitude—traits that he's likely to need as President-elect Barack Obama's new chief of staff.

His combative style as political director in the early days of the Clinton administration earned him the nickname "Rahmbo." He didn't always produce results, though. Emanuel lost that job but stayed on as a senior adviser and oversaw some of Clinton's top initiatives, including NAFTA and an assault-weapons ban.

After a stint in banking, Emanuel was elected to Congress in 2002 and became a major power. He wound up overseeing the party's House election efforts in '06 and won a majority for Democrats through tireless fundraising and candidate recruitment.

Emanuel's fundraising skills are credited with helping keep Bill Clinton's campaign afloat during some rocky times, particularly the scandal over whether he slept with Gennifer Flowers.

In 1999, Emanuel left the White House for Chicago to work in investment banking. The firm he joined was soon sold and Emanuel made millions, giving him the financial security to get back into politics.

# Emanuel accepts chief of staff job

## Obama's pick of fiery Democrat represents a shift in tone

**Associated Press**

Barack Obama is making his chief of staff selection official.

The president-elect said in a statement Thursday that fellow Chicagoan Rahm Emanuel has accepted the job of White House chief of staff.

Obama said "no one I know is better at getting things done" than the Illinois congressman.

Emanuel said the job is a privilege and he is humbled by the responsibility. He said he is leaving his job in House leadership to do everything he can to "help deliver the change America needs."

The selection of the fiery Democrat marked a shift in tone for Obama, who chose more low-key leadership for his presidential campaign.

Emanuel, who served as a political and policy aide in the Clinton White House before running for Congress, weighed the family and political considerations before accepting.

As word of Emanuel's acceptance spread

### HEADING TO THE WHITE HOUSE

Barack and Michelle Obama will visit the White House on Monday at President Bush's invitation. "Michelle and I look forward to meeting with President Bush and the first lady on Monday to begin the process of a smooth, effective transition," Obama said in a statement. "I thank him for reaching out in the spirit of bipartisanship that will be required to meet the many challenges we face as a nation." On the discussion list for the president and president-elect: the financial crisis, the war in Iraq and the future of the country. AP

Thursday, Obama was meeting privately in Chicago with U.S. intelligence officials preparing him to be commander in chief and transition team leaders tasked with building his entire administration in 10 short weeks.

The president-elect planned his first public appearances since his victory for Friday.

Aides said he will meet with economic advisers to discuss the nation's financial woes—Americans listed the economy as their top concern on Election Day—and then talk to the news media.

Obama advisers said he was selecting the leaders of the new government with a sense of care over speed, with no plans to announce Cabinet

positions this week.

Aside from Emanuel, several Obama aides said other White House officials were being lined up, including Robert Gibbs as the likely pick for press secretary. Gibbs has been Obama's longtime spokesman and confidant and was at Obama's side from his 2004 Senate campaign through the long days on the presidential campaign trail.

Obama planned to stay home through the weekend, with a blackout on news announcements so that he and his staff can get some rest after a grueling campaign and the rush of their win Tuesday. He is planning a trip to Hawaii in December to get away with his family before their move to the White House—and to honor his grandmother, who died Sunday there.

Obama began Thursday as he usually does, with a workout. Later, he planned to visit with the transition team he officially announced Wednesday but had been under way for weeks.

He also spent time at the FBI office in Chicago, a secure location for him to receive his first president's daily brief. The document is mostly written by the C.I.A. and includes the most critical overnight intelligence. It is accompanied by a briefing from top intelligence officials that typically lasts 45 minutes to an hour, although Obama's first is expected to be longer.

### AS SEEN ON TV

Rahm Emanuel grew up in Wilmette, the son of an Israeli doctor who moved to the U.S. His brother Ari is a Hollywood agent and the inspiration for Ari Gold, the Type-A superagent on HBO's "Entourage." The congressman himself has been cited as an inspiration for presidential aide Josh Lyman on "The West Wing." AP





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## My historic night— sitting on a couch

Years from now, when my children ask me where I was when Barack Obama was elected president of the U.S., I’ll have no problem recalling that historic moment.

Boys, I’ll tell them, at the moment our country took an incredible step forward, I was sitting on our couch eating a bowl of Honeycombs.

Yes, not going to the rally at Grant Park will easily go down as one of the dumbest decisions I’ve ever made—and not because I also had Cocoa Pebbles in the cupboard.

But before really getting into how shortsighted I was, let me explain why I chose an evening at home over a night on Chicago’s lakefront, watching history unfold.

### 1. I’m addicted to CNN.

Make fun of the Jessica Yellin “hologram” all you want, but I couldn’t imagine an election night without the robotic reporting of Wolf Blitzer, the low tones of David Gergen or the wry smirk of Gloria Borger.

Nearly two years into this relationship, which became really passionate over the last two months, it just didn’t seem right to abandon them. I wouldn’t want Jeffrey Toobin mad at me.

### 2. Nobody knew when Obama would speak

The last time a presidential election ended the night of the actual election was 1996, so I can hardly be blamed for looking past Obama’s huge lead in the polls and thinking we’d have another cliffhanger.

Not even when something like 150 polls in a row had gone in Obama’s favor and John McCain and Sarah Palin had embarrassing reports of infighting coming out of their respective camps.

No, never saw it coming.

### 3. I had to be at work at 8 a.m. the next day

So can you tell I’m older than 40?

OK, this is the part of the column where I start the hand-wringing.

First of all, picking a TV show, which it basically was for me, over an actual event is grounds for dismissal as a human being.

And making decisions based on unanswered questions, like when Obama would speak, or when I’d be able to get to bed, is just sad.

Hey, I once camped out overnight outside a London TV studio just so I could be in the audience during a taping of “The Late Show with David Letterman.” I have a history of being willing to sacrifice for the right event.

So how on Earth could I have been so dense? I honestly don’t know what I was thinking.

It wasn’t until the morning after the election, when my wife asked me if I wish I had gone, that it started to hit me.

And then when I got to work and started hearing from co-workers who walked over, and I started looking at the photo galleries and watching more video of the evening did I realize it was a huge mistake not to go.

Ah, well. I’ll go next time.



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# Camelot revisited

## Associated Press

It was a mere fleeting image amid all the others that were beamed into our living rooms on that momentous election night: 7-year-old Sasha Obama in her black party dress, bounding gleefully up into her father's arms, each in turn planting a happy kiss on the other's cheek.

But the heart-tugging moment was as poignant a reminder as any that a vigorous, appealing young family is entering the White House—one that will bring a dramatically different energy and style to the presidency.

What will mark the style of an early Obama White House? Friends of the new first couple say the mansion will be infused with the spirit of Sasha and her 10-year-old sister, Malia, just as the Kennedy White House is often remembered as a playground for Caroline with her pony, Macaroni, or John Jr., who liked to hide in the Oval Office desk.

"He may be the president-elect, but those two young daughters will still be a major focus of his life, and a major part of the White House," says Kirk Dillard, a Republican state senator from Illinois and a friend of Obama's. "Barack is a pretty hip and engaged father, and those girls have him wrapped around their little fingers."

The White House staff will be grateful for their presence, says Betty Monkman, a former chief White House curator who worked there for 30 years.

"Any house is so much more alive with children, and it's the same with the White House," says Monkman.

Will Michelle Obama and her husband be enthusiastic White House hosts, holding grand dinners a la Jackie Kennedy? Friends aren't sure. "They're pretty relaxed and casual types," says Sandy Matthews, a close friend from Chicago.

Barack Obama's daughters, Malia, 10, and Sasha, 7, run to greet him Saturday in Pueblo, Colo.

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# America's new family

## Much awaits Obama's young daughters at White House

### Chicago Tribune

The American Girl catalog couldn't write a story more compelling than the Obama family's upcoming adventure.

The Obama sisters will face dramatic changes when they become the youngest White House inhabitants since Amy Carter. In the time it takes for President-elect Barack Obama to be sworn in, they'll be transformed from Hyde Park girls into American princesses.

"Their lives are not going to be normal," said historian Sandra Musgrove, who has written books about first children. "It's not normal to be a president's child. When your father is the president, you're royalty in this country."

Future First Lady Michelle Obama has described her upcoming role as "Mommy-in-Chief" to emphasize that the girls will be her top priority while living in the White House. Many also expect their maternal grandmother, who helped care for them during the campaign, to have a regular presence at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

"If Barack is in the White House or in our house, the girls are going to be the center of our universe," Michelle Obama said before the election.

"We're going to make sure they're protected and that they have some level of normalcy."

For Malia, 10, and Sasha, 7, that probably means they'll be expected to follow the current Obama household rules such as making their beds, setting their own alarm clocks and adhering to a strict 8 p.m. bedtime. It's unclear whether they'll get a raise in their \$1-a-week allowance.

Once in Washington, the girls are expected to maintain their current slate of extracurricular activities, which include weekly

### The Kennedys

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## Obama baby boom

Yes, we did. The term "Obama Baby" has joined the English language amid speculation that Tuesday's crowds of emotionally charged voters probably went home and got it on.

The Urban Dictionary Web site now offers the definition:

"1. Obama Baby. A child conceived after Obama was proclaimed President by way of celebratory sex ... I was born July 2009. I'm an Obama baby!"

A series of social-networking inquiries by the Tribune (Q: Did you?) yielded anecdotal support. Subjects were granted anonymity for obvious reasons.

Yes, said a Chicago media research director. Hope and beer fueled her decision. Yes, said a married woman in Georgia. Almost, said a woman in Indianapolis (late returns left her too tired). One man in Milwaukee said he and his wife made love on the floor, her idea. "Yes We Can!" the man added.

"Being in a thrilling situation, whether it's one of fear or one of joy—either way—tends to draw people together," explained Beverly Palmer, a California State University psychology professor. "You sort of reach for each other in those kinds of situations."

Political operatives have long waxed about we-may-never-meet-again sex in campaigns fueled by high emotions, late nights and close working conditions.

But leave it to Barack Obama to spread the wealth to the voters.

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## Presidential luxuries

The White House comes with an executive chef, a cooking and wait staff, and a full-blown medical unit staffed with Navy doctors. The unit conforms to the needs of the family, so a pediatrician can be added.

The Government Accountability Office handles matters like lining up plumbers, electricians and other fix-it folks.

Dry cleaning? A personal valet makes those arrangements for the president. The first lady's staff will see to it for the rest of the family.

# Moving into the White House

## The Washington Post

The moving trucks show up when the country's attention is distracted, focused on the pomp of Inauguration Day.

In splendid synchronization, one set of trucks rolls onto the White House grounds at precisely noon, another set rolls out—with the move all done quietly and blindingly fast in the few hours it takes to do the swearing-in of a new president and the traditional after-luncheon.

Bushes out of 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. Obamas in: Barack and Michelle, Sasha and Malia.

Their beds will be made up and waiting for them before they return from the parties.

"It's very efficient," says Ann Stock, former social secretary to Hillary Clinton and now a Kennedy Center vice president.

But so much to do first.

The girls, 7 and 10, will need schools. A church could be selected. And a puppy—Daddy promised—must be found. Much of establishing this new life will fall to lawyer and hospital executive Michelle Obama, the first-lady-in-waiting who calls herself "mommy-in-chief."

So many little choices—made massive—because a nation will be watching, mulling the message behind every move.

"It's like a new neighbor in the neighborhood. You want to know, 'What do they do after work? Where do they go to church? Do they eat grilled cheese for lunch?'" says Washington event planner and longtime social observer Carolyn Peachey. "It's just that in this case, it's the nation's neighborhood."

The lobbying for a piece of the Obamas has begun.

One power player wants the girls at Sidwell Friends School—after all, Chelsea Clinton went there, and so did Richard Nixon's daughters. Vice President-elect Joe Biden's granddaughters go to Sidwell now.

But the symbolism: private school? Public school? Dad, it's worth noting, has talked a lot about buffing up public education during his campaign. Fair warning: Back when Bill and Hillary Clinton chose Sidwell, Newsweek columnist Eleanor Clift called them "limousine liberals."

It's a lot to consider. And the Obamas have been kind of busy the past few weeks, or months, or years.

"It's literally just getting started," said a senior aide Wednesday. "Their world is built around their daughters, so they're taking this very seriously."

## THE GIRLS' ROOMS

The Obama sisters' White House bedrooms most likely will be on the mansion's second floor, where a small kitchen and the family dining room also are located. The third-floor solarium, a glass-enclosed room with modern furniture and stunning views of the Mall, will offer the family a comfortable place to watch TV or play games, said John Riley, director of education for the White House Historical Association.

Malia and Sasha can paint and decorate their rooms however they chose. While other parts of the White House must meet design standards, nothing prohibits the first daughters from hanging Hannah Montana or Jonas Brothers posters in their private quarters.

The girls will have access to all of the mansion's amenities, including the outdoor pool, tennis courts and a 50-seat movie theater.

dance classes and soccer practice. And just like he did during the presidential campaign, Barack Obama almost certainly will adjust his schedule whenever possible to attend his daughters' activities.

"I think you're going to see the president of the United States at soccer games and ballet recitals," said Don Shomon, a former Obama aide. "That's going to be a priority for him."

For the past two years, the Obamas have kept their daughters out of the limelight, save the rare convention or election-night appearance. That task will get tougher in January, when the public will hunger for stories about the button-cute first daughters and their White House adventures.

The girls currently attend The University of Chicago Laboratory Schools, one of the city's top private schools. Aides say Michelle Obama is intensely researching Washington, D.C.-area schools, but no decision has been made.

While historians say Carter had a lonely childhood in the White House, they believe the Obama girls will fare much better because they have each other.

"There are so many nooks and crannies and hidden staircases that they can explore together," Angelo said. "Girls that age are going to feel like they're living in a Nancy Drew book. It's going to be so exciting for them."



## 4 hurt in South Side accident

Four people were hurt Thursday morning in a traffic accident in Bronzeville. The victims were transported in serious-to-critical condition to Stroger Hospital of Cook County and the University of Chicago Medical Center, Fire Department Cmdr. Will Knight said. The crash, which involved at least one vehicle that overturned, happened about 7:40 a.m. at East 48th Street and South Indiana Avenue.

## 6 injured in high school fight

Six Wells Community Academy High School students were hurt during a fight in the lunchroom in the Near Northwest Side high school Thursday morning, officials said, and another fight broke out outside the school later. An official for the Chicago Public Schools confirmed that there was a fight inside the school and said that at least three students were taken to hospitals. There were no injuries in the second fight, which occurred a couple blocks from school property.

## Armed robbers hit business

Five people robbed a Southwest Side business at gunpoint and tied up three of its employees Thursday morning, Chicago police said. Five robbers, three of them with guns, tied up three employees during the robbery at about 10:15 a.m. at West 42nd Street and South Pulaski Road, Officer Daniel O'Brien said. Police said none of the employees was hurt. The robbers loaded unspecified merchandise into a truck and fled.

## Man struck, killed in S. Loop

A man was struck and killed by a car in the South Loop on Wednesday evening, police said. The incident occurred about 7:45 p.m. near the corner of State Street and Roosevelt Road when the man moved "into traffic and was struck by a 1991 Mazda," Chicago Police Officer Amina Greer said. The man was identified as Edward L. Mattingly, 80, of the 1200 block of South Michigan Avenue.

## 141

Number of pages in a report released Thursday by the 21st Century Commission on City Government, a panel appointed by Mayor Daley more than a year ago to look at how City Hall can improve itself.

# Ten more years?

## Deal would keep Lollapalooza in Grant Park at least through 2018

Lollapalooza organizers and the Chicago Park District were readying a deal Thursday that would keep the rock festival in Grant Park at least through 2018 and bring in at least \$13 million to pay for park improvements.

Surfacing only days after a rally for President-elect Barack Obama was broadcast around the world and showcased Grant Park's spectacular lakefront setting, the new deal with promoter C3 Presents would extend a current five-year contract and ensure the festival as an annual presence through a potential 2016 Summer Olympics date in the city.

"I received a check for \$1.6 million [for park improve-

ments] from Lollapalooza last month, and I called [C3 co-owner] Charlie Jones and said, 'Let's talk about a longer deal,'" said Park District Supt. Timothy Mitchell.

The proposal will be brought to the Chicago Park District Board for approval Wednesday. It will be preceded by a public forum at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Daley Bicentennial Plaza to discuss the new deal.

"There is a lot of tension among residents with noise complaints and congestion in the neighborhood during the festival, and I want to hear what people have to say," said Bob O'Neill of the Grant Park Advisory Council, which is organizing the forum. "I've been in condos [during the festival] where it sounds like Lollapalooza is cranked at full volume ... But it's only three days, and it's not just a community park, it's Chicago's."

## Car, fire truck collide

Five firefighters, a woman and a young girl were injured Thursday on the North Side when a car and a fire truck collided at the intersection of Division and Wells Streets and the fire truck caught fire, fire officials said. The fire truck was traveling east on Division Street with its lights flashing when it collided with the car, said Eve Rodriguez, a Fire Department spokeswoman.

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# Lincoln Park fish killed slowly ahead of pond restoration project

Thousands of fish in Lincoln Park's South Pond began floating to the surface early Thursday after officials from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources applied a special poison to the shallow 5.2-acre lake, a step meant to prepare the area for a \$12 million restoration project.

The fish die-off is gradual and likely will take at least two days, said officials with

Lincoln Park Zoo, though workmen in two small aluminum boats worked busily Thursday afternoon picking up fish carcasses.

"We were told that the big die-off is during the first day," said Neal David, vice president of facilities at the zoo, which is raising funds for the pond renovation and will take over its maintenance and administration from the Chicago Park District.

The zoo will drain the pond late this month and plans to refashion its shoreline and dredge the lake bottom early next year. The zoo is transforming the pond and surrounding grounds into a native wilderness showcase.

South Pond has been home to bluegill, largemouth bass, black crappie and channel catfish, plus non-native species like goldfish probably dropped there by pet owners who

wanted to get rid of them, said David.

The Department of Natural Resources had recommended the fish be destroyed because it would be illegal to introduce nonnative species to the wild by moving them from the pond to public streams or lakes. Because of the pond's dirty water, it's likely the fish who were living there had diseases, making them undesirable for adoption.





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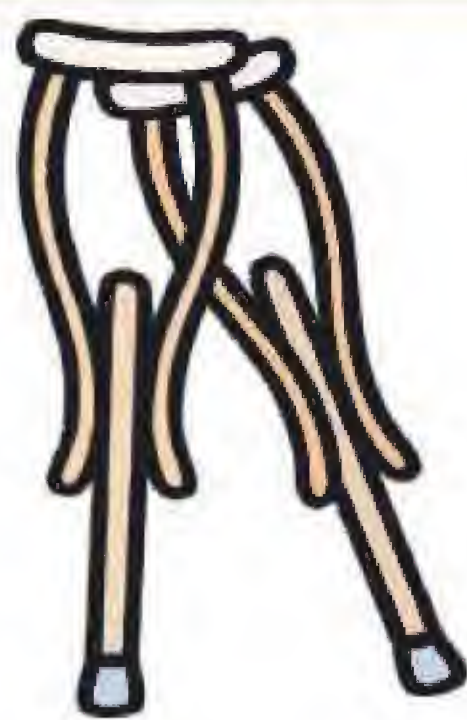
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# Taking on crime in the city

Community policing programs gaining ground as a way to combat criminal activity

By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

The bad news: Chicago is outpacing New York and L.A. in murders this year, and Mayor Daley's 2009 budget plan would slow the hiring of new Chicago police officers.

The good news: Interest in the city's community policing program, known as CAPS, is growing, said CAPS director Vance Henry.

Tens of thousands of Chicagoans participate in the CAPS program, which operates in each of the city's 25 police districts, Henry said. Each police district is divided into three sectors, which are then divided into beats. There are about 280 patrol beats in the city.

The CAPS arm of the police department holds beat meetings monthly to exchange information with residents about crime and community problems. Each of the 25 police districts has an office, which may serve as the location for the CAPS meetings, Henry said. Other beat meetings occur in churches, libraries or community centers.

About 6,000 residents attend beat meetings monthly, Henry estimates. To help ensure beat meetings are run smoothly, 25 sergeants and six lieutenants recently were assigned to help the program and follow up with the community to see if problems have been solved.

But there's more bad news for the police force. Daley's budget proposal cuts the coffers for CAPS' implementation office by about \$1.5 million to \$5.1 million annually.

"The loss of that money is part of the challenge of having to do more with less," Henry said. "We only have 13,000 police officers. We can't be on every street corner."

The map shows the locations of the 25 police district offices, the Homan Square police administration facility and police headquarters in Bronzeville. [TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM](mailto:TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM)

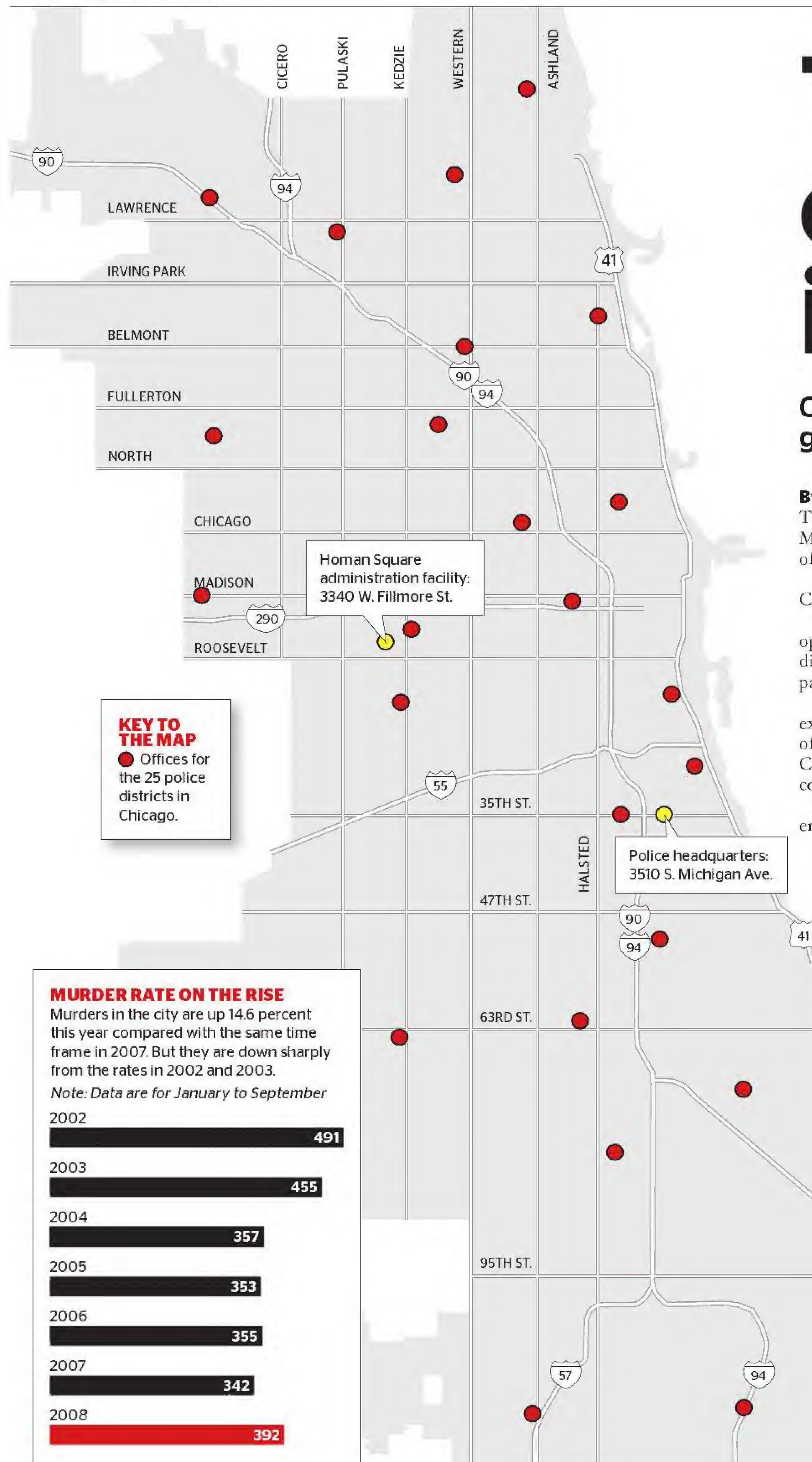
## WHAT YOU CAN DO

To get involved in CAPS, the city's community policing program, first you have to know your beat. Call 311 to find out the time and place of your local monthly beat meeting.

CAPS director Vance Henry said the goal is to increase the number of block clubs, in which residents of the same block join together to solve a community problem. CAPS also is looking for help with the safe passage program, an initiative to keep children safe on their way to and from school.

"The hallmark of community policing in Chicago is the people," Henry said. "Be the eyes and the ears."

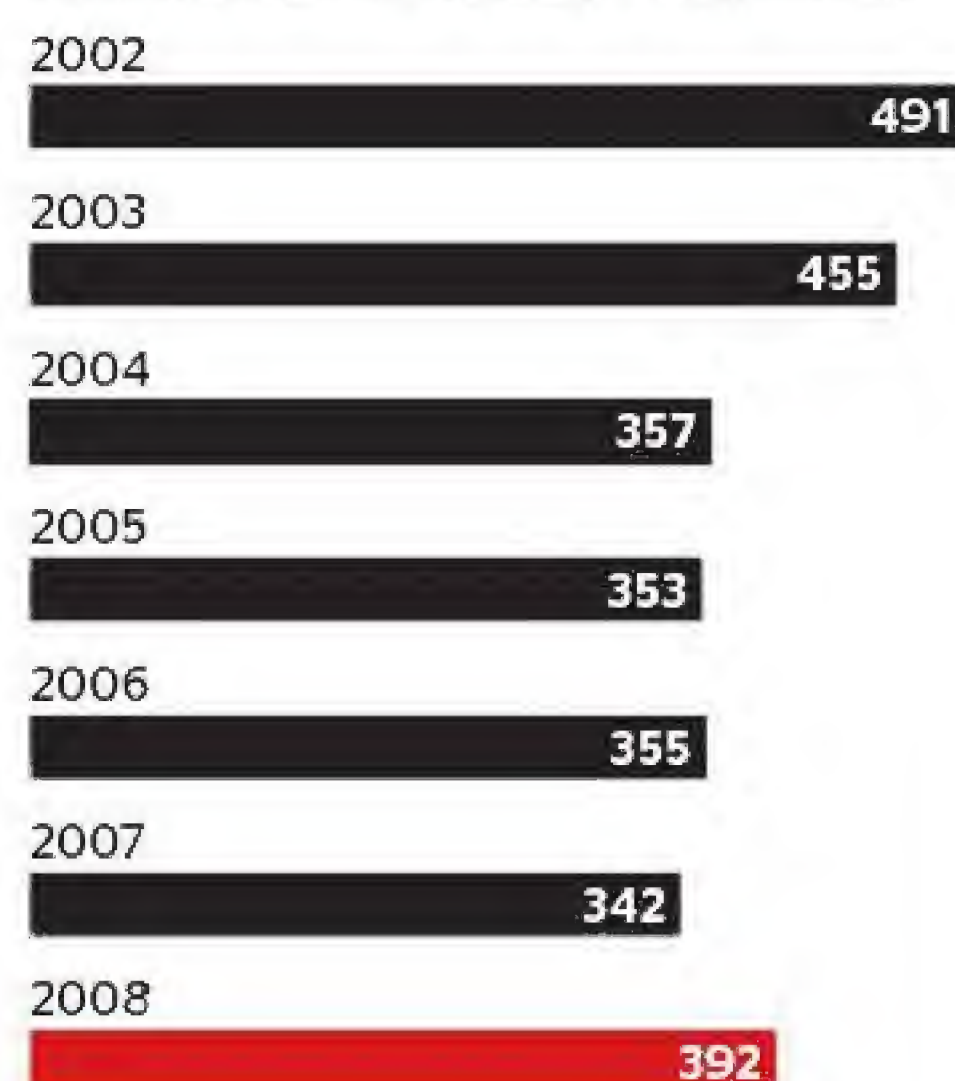
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## MURDER RATE ON THE RISE

Murders in the city are up 14.6 percent this year compared with the same time frame in 2007. But they are down sharply from the rates in 2002 and 2003.

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# Craigslist to crack down on prostitution ads

**6** **HARTFORD, Conn.** Under the watchful eye of law enforcement in 40 states, Craigslist pledged Thursday to crack down on ads for prostitution on its Web sites.

Jim Buckmaster, Craigslist's president, said the deal will allow legitimate escort services to continue advertising, while providing a strong disincentive to companies that are conducting illegal business.

"We don't view it as a penalty, we view it as raising the accountability," he said. "A legitimate business should have no problem with that. They should have no problem

## THE PLAN

As part of Craigslist's agreement with attorneys general around the country, anyone who posts an "erotic services" ad will be required to provide a working phone number and pay a fee with a valid credit card. The Web site will provide that information to law enforcement if subpoenaed.

providing a phone number or credit card credentials."

Craigslist, which posts 30 million ads

every month for everything from apartment rentals to jobs in hundreds of cities, also will begin using new search technology in an effort to help authorities find missing children and victims of human trafficking.

Police across the country have been arresting people for using Web sites like Craigslist to advertise the sexual services of women and children.

Buckmaster said the agreement does not cover Craigslist's personal ads, where prostitutes have been found advertising for "dates."



**7** **LOS ANGELES** Valerie Davidson holds a sign Thursday as she takes part in the "No on Prop 8" march and rally in front of the Mormon Church. Legal experts said it is unclear whether an attempt by gay-rights activists to overturn California's new ban on gay marriage has any chance of success, and whether the 18,000 same-sex marriages performed in California over the past four months are in any danger. AP PHOTO



## 1 Look at that rock!

A raid on a suspected gang of international jewel thieves has recovered an uncut ruby known as the "Prince of Burma" worth \$4.1 million, authorities in Villach, Austria, said Thursday. AP PHOTO

## 2 3 more years

The U.S. officially responded Thursday to Iraqi proposals for changes in the draft security pact that would keep American troops in Iraq for three more years. A top Iraqi official said the U.S. accepted some proposals and rejected others, presumably an Iraqi demand for expanded legal control over U.S. soldiers.

## Hello, old man winter

A wintry blast of ice, snow and heavy wind on Thursday blasted the upper Plains states, knocking out power and forcing highways to close.

## Chip maker spy case

A former Intel engineer has been charged with stealing trade secrets worth \$1 billion from the chip maker while he worked for its main rival, Advanced Micro Devices.

## 3 Congrats from Iran

An analyst said a statement from Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad congratulating Barack Obama on his election win is a gesture from the hard-line president that he's open to some sort of reconciliation with the U.S.

## 4 No charges for Spitzer

Federal prosecutors said Thursday that they will not bring criminal charges against Eliot Spitzer for his role in a prostitution scandal, removing a legal cloud that has surrounded the former New York governor since his epic downfall eight months ago.

## 5 Ferry capsizes

A small ferry capsized during a storm in the central Philippines on Thursday, and at least eight passengers drowned in waters just 200 yards offshore, officials said. It was the second deadly ferry accident this week in the Philippines, where accidents at sea are common.

## THE DIGIT

# 3.84 million

The number of people continuing to draw unemployment benefits in late October, the highest level in 25 years. It indicates laid-off workers are having a harder time finding new jobs.



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# Formula No. 1

Titans have system that doesn't require all-world QB

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The Tennessee Titans were among the first teams to discover formula football in the salary-cap era—run the ball, play defense and de-emphasize the quarterback position.

Riding the legs of Eddie George and a ferocious defensive front seven, the Titans played formula football in 1999 all the way to the Super Bowl. The running game kept the Tennessee offense on the field more than 31 minutes per game, and the defense set a franchise record with 54 sacks.

Nine years later, the formula still works. The Titans are the NFL's only unbeaten team at 8-0. They rank in the NFL's top 10 in rushing and defense.

In the meantime, the 2000 Baltimore Ravens, 2001 New England Patriots, 2002 Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 2005 Pittsburgh Steelers and 2007 New York Giants all won NFL Championships this decade playing formula football. The Bears made it to the 2006 Super Bowl with the same scheme.

Formula football allows a team to overcome

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a perceived deficiency at quarterback. Baltimore (Trent Dilfer) and Tampa Bay (Brad Johnson) won Super Bowls with journeymen quarterbacks. New England (Tom

Brady), Pittsburgh (Ben Roethlisberger) and New York (Eli Manning) captured titles with young quarterbacks.

The Titans are trying to win with a journeyman quarterback of their own—Kerry Collins, who is starting for his fifth NFL team. He was forced onto the field in the season opener when Vince Young suffered a knee injury. Collins has steered the Titans to seven consecutive victories as the starter.

The Titans aren't asking Collins to win games with his arm, and he's not. He has tossed touchdown passes in only three of his seven starts and hasn't thrown any in his last three games.

But the legs of rookie Chris Johnson and another ferocious defensive front seven give the Titans their best team on paper since 2000, when they posted a 13-3 record on the way to the AFC's top seed.

## Kyle Orton still MIA at Bears' practices

Kyle Orton was nowhere in sight Thursday as he missed practice for the second consecutive day nursing a right ankle injury. Coach Lovie Smith said Orton is "getting better" but wouldn't reveal much more information. Smith echoed offensive coordinator Ron Turner's thinking that it would be tougher on Orton the more practice time he missed.

"Practice is important," Smith said. "Every day you miss can't help you any. But that's

how it goes sometimes."

The Bears quarterback expressed optimism earlier in the week that he might be able to play Sunday against the unbeaten Tennessee Titans.

But an MRI on Monday determined Orton's high ankle sprain would keep him sidelined three to four weeks, according to a source. Rex Grossman is expected to start on Sunday.

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Kerry Collins of the Tennessee Titans throws a pass during the NFL game against the Indianapolis Colts. GETTY IMAGES

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## Fabulous backups

Kerry Collins has the Titans undefeated after taking over for quarterback Vince Young after the first game of the season. Rex Grossman took over for injured QB Kyle Orton last week and brought the Bears back to a win. Football doesn't have a monopoly on backups who go on to bigger things. Pop culture is full of them. Take a look.



### SHERYL CROW

**Backup:** Crow was a backup singer during Michael Jackson's "Bad" tour from 1987-1989.  
**Up front:** In 1993, she released her smash solo CD "Tuesday Night Music Club," which went on to sell more than 7 million copies.



### KEVIN FEDERLINE

**Backup:** In another Jackson connection, K-Fed was a backup dancer in the King of Pop's "You Rock My World Video." He also danced in videos for Pink, Destiny's Child and Justin Timberlake.  
**Up front:** He meets Britney Spears on tour, and the rest is history. He goes on to star in "CSI" and "One Tree Hill" before releasing his own CD, "Playing with Fire."



### MARIAH CAREY

**Backup:** In the late-80s, Carey sang backup for Brenda K. Starr. In 1988, Starr gave Columbia Records executive Tommy Mottola Carey's demo tape, and he eventually signed her.  
**Up front:** Mariah's self-titled debut CD was released in 1990, and it made it to No. 1 as well as producing four No. 1 singles.



### WHIZKERS

**Backup:** Always forced behind the scenes at RedEye, Whizkers joined Whizzer as a recurring animated animal in the sports section, much to Whizzer's chagrin.  
**Upfront:** Whizkers has a recurring column, Cat Call, and Whizzer is none to happy about it.

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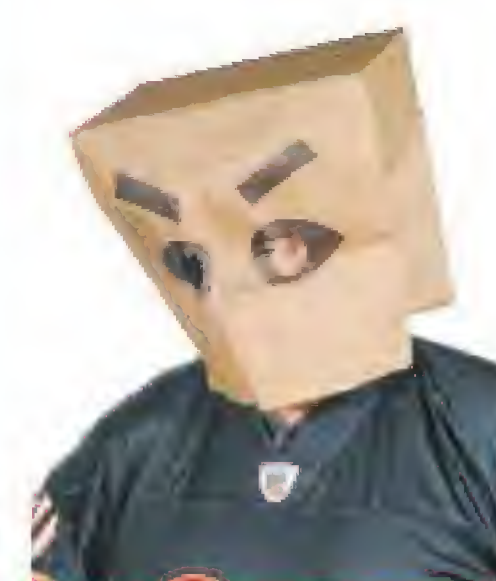
## The Whiz Quiz

Think you know your stuff? Test your sports smarts against RedEye's prognosticating pooch Whizzer. The Titans running back is No. 1 among rookies with 715 yards rushing. Who is No. 2? Text "quiz" and the number of your answer to **47383**. I'll text ya back to tell you if you got the answer right or wrong.

1. Darren McFadden of Oakland 2. Matt Forte of the Bears  
3. Jonathan Stewart of Carolina 4. Steve Slaton of Houston 5. Kevin Smith of Detroit



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The president is a Chicago guy. Yeah, it's a message of change, but I say let's bring some good old-fashioned Chicago-style solutions to the White House.

By the way, Mr. President-elect, I'm expecting some inauguration tickets. I endorsed you quite some time ago, and I'm from here. I think that's enough.

Also, I've got a lot to offer. For instance, I've already laid out, free of charge, the pillars of the Obama administration. If this seems Chicago heavy, it's because it is.

Chief of staff: Rahm Emanuel. You beat me to it. The quintessential bad cop. Well done.

Secretary of defense: Mike Singletary. They guy knows defense, and let's be honest; he's not going to last with this San Francisco gig. It's a train wreck. Let's get him where he can flourish.

National security adviser: After little deliberation, I went with Mike Ditka. Call it a hunch. I wouldn't want to stare him down in negotiations.

Secretary of state: Michael Jordan. This one was tougher, because this job would actually require Michael to show up for work every day, something he's not accustomed to. You can't do this from a golf course or casino, but he's known the world over. That's something.

Secretary of interior: Whoever the Chicago Park District guy is. After looking at Grant Park the other night, one word: pristine.

Secretaries of treasury: The Wirtz family. No one is tighter with the purse strings, my friends.

Ambassador to Micronesia: Oprah. Real nice, easy job for the queen of talk. They'd love her, and it gets her out of Chicago where it's cold.

Head of FEMA: The mayor. Just for the news conferences. "Yeah, it's a disaster, but yeah, come on, I mean disasters happen. This is what happens when disasters happen."

Transportation: The CTA honchos. I'm just kidding, that's silly.

On to the important stuff. Jeff Fisher (my favorite ex-Bear) brings the Titans to Chicago on Sunday. This smells like the fourth loss. The reasons are simple. 1) Rex Grossman is our quarterback. 2) Our defense has turned into a girls' powder puff team. 3) Devin Hester thinks it's neat to run into piles and not take chances. 4) Rex is our quarterback.

Let's hope and pray that Kyle Orton's high ankle sprain heals very soon, or we'll all look like John McCain on election night.

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# Got change?

We here at Five on Five reject all this change talk. We're about the same ol', same ol', meaning we still don't know what we're talking about.

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<b>1</b> If the Titans can go 8-0 with Kerry Collins at QB, then ...	... Vince Young must be on 24-hour lockdown.	... your children really, really, really can grow up to be whatever they want.	... the Steelers can go 5-0 with Santonio Holmes.	... the Bears can go 1-0 against the Titans with Kerry Collins.	... I can't wait for MY midlife crisis to kick in!
<b>2</b> Would you rather have an injured Kyle Orton or a healthy Rex Grossman?	Healthy Rex. A Rex drive is better than no Rex drive.	Injured Kyle. He kind of looks like a winning Shaggy from "Scooby-Doo."	Did you just call Rex fat? Bet breakup weight isn't the only thing he loses.	A retired Jim McMahon.	Neither.
<b>3</b> Obama vs. McCain on Tuesday. Bulls vs. Phoenix tonight. Ironic?	Maybe, but this time the old men (Shaq, Grant Hill) win.	And not long after Phoenix leaves town, the circus moves in. Ironic???	The only literary devices McCain uses are eyeglasses for shortsightedness.	Uh, no. Irony is not expected. These events were scheduled.	Maybe, but not everything is so black or white. Some things are a mixture.
<b>4</b> How should the Bulls defend Amare Stoudemire?	Get Sarah Palin to dress him, and the feds will be on him in a nanosecond.	Beam in Hologram Anderson Cooper.	Isn't it bad enough we defend our own players? We have to defend the Suns too?	I'd get the same guy who defended R. Kelly.	Defend him?! Why? That flop he had against Travis Diener was criminal.
<b>5</b> What do you imagine goes on at baseball's GM meetings?	Jokes, lots of jokes. Mostly about the Cubs.	There's a lot of maneuvering, innuendo and no action. Insert joke about 4 a.m. bar here.	I don't know: How many GMs does it take to screw a league?	You know, doing their hair and tickle fights. Same as in the clubhouse.	Pot smoking, beer guzzling, pole dancers ... Well, that's how my GM Fantasy League works.

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**FIRE HITS**

Cuauhtemoc Blanco's entire family flew in from Mexico to attend Thursday's game.

» The Sears Tower's twin antennas were illuminated red Thursday evening in honor of the Fire.

» Blanco's rocket against D.C. United in Week 7 is up for MLS Goal of the Year. Vote at [https://securemls.mlsnet.com/mls/awards/2008/goal\\_of\\_the\\_year/](https://securemls.mlsnet.com/mls/awards/2008/goal_of_the_year/)

The Fire's Brian McBride (left) and Brandon Prideaux celebrate Thursday with Chris Rolfe after Rolfe's first-half goal against New England.

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# Fire all revved up

## MLS title game a step away with victory over the Revolution

### Associated Press

Chris Rolfe had a goal and an assist, and the Fire finally figured out how to beat the New England Revolution in the MLS playoffs with a 3-0 victory Thursday night that eliminated the defending Eastern Conference champions.

Wilman Conde and Gonzalo Segares also scored for the Fire, who will play either Columbus or Kansas City next Thursday for the Eastern Conference title. The Crew and Wizards play Saturday night in Columbus. New England, which was trying to reach the conference finals for a record seventh straight year, instead ended the year on a seven-game winless streak.

The Fire and New England have met in the playoffs six of the last seven seasons, with the Revolution winning four of the matchups—including each of the last three years. But the home team has never lost, and Rolfe and Conde made sure that stat held up for another year, scoring in a 5-minute stretch that spanned halftime.

Cuauhtemoc Blanco appeared to have a good angle on a right-footed shot from just outside the penalty box in the second minute of extra time, only to have Matt Reis knock the ball clear as he dived to his left. But the ball

### FIRE 3, NEW ENGLAND 0

Fire advance to the Eastern Conference Finals with the win.

went straight to Rolfe, who was at the top of the penalty box, and he tapped it into the net for a 1-0 lead. Reis, still on the ground, never had a chance.

Four minutes after halftime, Conde headed Justin Mapp's free kick into the near side of the net from only inches away.

The Revolution didn't give Jon Busch, the MLS goalkeeper of the year, much of a test. Their best chance came in the 58th, when Kenny Mansally took a left-footed shot from just inside the box. Busch dived and got a hand on it.

Shalrie Joseph also headed a corner into Busch's hands in the 43rd minute.

The Fire tacked on another goal in the 74th minute when Segares scored at close range.

New England's chances of making a run in the post-season were hurt before the playoffs even began. Steve Ralston, who led the Revolution in goals and assists, cracked his fibula on Oct. 11 while Taylor Twellman, the team's co-leader with eight goals, is sidelined indefinitely because of a concussion.

Chris Albright was ejected in the 83rd after tackling Blanco from behind.

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You know what I hate about this time of year? No, not the "Heroes" collapse that mirrors the Cubs. No, not the inevitable march toward 10 degree highs. No, not the ironic playing of "November Rain" on the radio.

What I really hate is the onset of darkness at about, oh, 4 p.m.

Every game is a night game now. And when it gets dark, I want to sleep. It's tough out there for a tired dog.

Here now, my TV picks—if I can stay awake.

### NBA Bulls vs. Phoenix 7:30 p.m. ESPN

Phoenix's Amare Stoudemire just dropped 49 points on Indiana. That should equal about 149 vs. the Bulls.

### NBA Dallas at Denver 9:30 p.m. ESPN

Not a good week to be a Maverick. Denver in a landslide.

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL Nevada at Fresno St. 8 p.m. ESPN2

It's the Wolfpack vs. the Bulldogs. I decry canine-on-canine crime.



Jimmie Johnson, driver of the #48 Lowe's Chevrolet, leads the field at the start of the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Pep Boys Auto 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway on Oct. 26. GETTY IMAGES

# Too much JJ a bad thing?

Jimmie Johnson gets a bit riled up over the opinions floating around on how to make NASCAR's Chase for the championship more competitive and exciting.

And that talk—whether it be in garages, on talk shows or on the Internet—seems to be escalating as Johnson makes a run at his third consecutive Sprint Cup title Sunday at Phoenix International Raceway.

Could it be the racing world is tiring of Johnson's domination and would like to see NASCAR "Jimmie-proof" the Chase?

"It is interesting to hear the comments, and it makes me laugh that our sport can be susceptible to that whole reality TV buzz that's coming along, and if you don't like it, let's have a fan vote and let's change it," said Johnson, who leads Carl Edwards by 106 points with two races remaining.

If Johnson were to wrap up the title at PIR, that



Johnson

would render next week's Championship Week at Homestead-Miami Speedway meaningless.

"We made an adjustment to the points system a few years back to make it more competitive. What else are we going to change?" said Johnson,

who has won 13 of 48 Chase races since NASCAR adopted the 10-race playoff format in 2004.

And while critics argue that Johnson has turned the excitement of the Chase into a ho-hum affair, he knows he's a flat tire or a wreck away from making things interesting.

"There's still 400 miles at Homestead and 300 at Phoenix," Johnson said.

"A lot can happen."

## FORMULA ONE

# Hamilton: Racism is no joke



Hamilton

**LONDON** Lewis Hamilton rejected F1 boss Bernie Ecclestone's assertion on Thursday that racist abuse directed at the driver probably started as a joke.

F1's first black champ was the target of racist abuse on a Spanish Web site and endured other insults in the buildup to Sunday's Brazilian Grand Prix.

"[It was] probably beginning as a joke rather than anything abusive," Ecclestone said Thursday in a radio interview. "I don't see why people should have been [insulted by it]. These things are people expressing themselves."

Hamilton disagreed and said he "didn't see it as a joke."

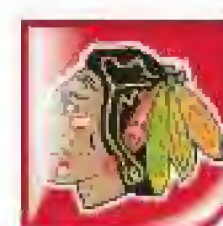
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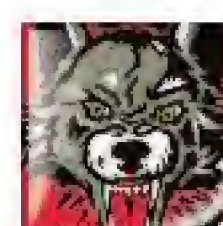
The emotional heartbreak of the Cubs' postseason flop didn't prevent fans from gobbling up \$60 tickets to this winter's Cubs Convention at the Chicago Hilton & Towers. The Cubs announced Thursday morning that the 24th annual fan fest sold out in only 24 minutes.



Kyle Orton was not on the practice field for the second consecutive day Thursday, not a surprise considering the quarterback is expected to be out for Sunday's game against the Titans with a high ankle sprain. Safety Mike Brown was back at practice after his calf injury.



Defenseman Brian Campbell and forwards Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews were listed on NHL's all-star ballot, but one Blackhawks standout was left off: Patrick Sharp, who leads the Hawks and is second in the league with nine goals.



### NEXT GAME at Providence 6 p.m. Friday

## HIT AND RUN

### THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL Broncos spoil Quinn debut

Jay Cutler turned Brady Quinn's big night into his own prime-time showcase. Cutler passed for a career-high 447 yards, throwing three touchdown passes in the fourth quarter to rally the Denver Broncos to a 34-30 win over the Cleveland Browns, spoiling Quinn's highly hyped debut as an NFL starter.

### GOLF Amateur gets 5 holes-in-one

Central Illinois amateur golfer Curt Hocker is on a roll. Ask anyone at the El Paso Golf Club, where the 22-year-old has recorded five holes-in-one in the last week, including two Saturday. "I don't know what to think," Hocker said. "After each one I say it's over, and it keeps happening."

## COPS AND JOCKS

*Athletes can't seem to stay out of trouble, and we can't seem to look away.*



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### Drug probe focuses on Leaf

Police in Texas are investigating a minor drug allegation made against former NFL quarterback Ryan Leaf (above), who this week was placed on leave from his job as an assistant football coach at West Texas A&M. Canyon police Chief Bobby confirmed the allegation was that Leaf obtained a controlled substance by fraudulent means.



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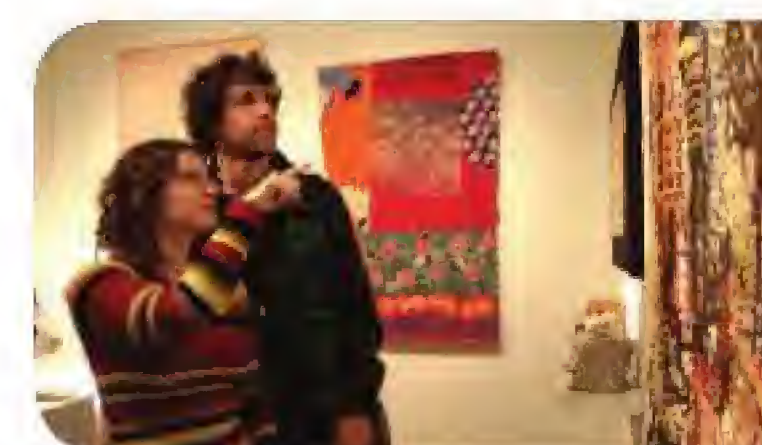
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Here's a quick head's up (and no, we won't judge): **SOFA Chicago** is not a showcase of cushions, couches or any other manner of plush seating devices. Rather, it's the international exposition of Sculpture Objects and Functional Art, a sale and display of all types of three-dimensional works, ranging from glass to ceramics and fiber to wood. Dealers from around the globe—95 in all—converge in Chicago for the 15th annual show, which also includes a lecture series and film on topics relating to art. 11 a.m. Friday-Saturday; noon Sunday. \$15; \$25 for a three-day pass. Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave. 773-506-8860.



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#### Talk is cheap

Hold on to your (Elisabeth) Hasselbeck and brace for Whoopi-style barbs during **"The Spew,"** an improv parody of daytime chatfest "The View." The show, based entirely on audience suggestions, pokes fun at the TV series' hosts and guests while the six-member cast dishes on the week's hot topics. 7 p.m. Sunday. Through Nov. 16. \$10. ComedySportz Theatre, 929 W. Belmont Ave. 773-549-8080.



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6 p.m.: Colonel Tribune's Tweet-up. Grab a paper hat and have a beer with the Chicago Tribune's Web ambassador and fellow bloggers, vloggers, phloggers and fans of Twitter, MySpace, Facebook, Digg, Fark, Reddit, Brightkite, Pownce and StumbleUpon. No cover; 742 N. Clark St. 312-642-9253.

#### CLUB ROYALE

6 p.m.: Cocktails and Connections. DJs Markfullaflava and I.N.C. spin. Cover varies; 205 N. Peoria St. 312-666-9400.

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\$4 Spaten drafts, \$6 Absolut martinis, \$6 pasta dinners; 3001 N. Ashland Ave. 773-248-0990.

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#### THE FULL SHILLING

\$3.50 Blue Moon and Sam Adams Seasonal drafts, \$4 energy cocktails, karaoke 9 p.m.; 3724 N. Clark St. 773-248-3330.

#### GOODBAR

\$5 martinis and bombs; 2512 N. Halsted St. 773-296-9700.

#### HIDEOUT

6:30 p.m.: The Interview Show. RedEye columnist Mark Bazer hosts a talk show where guests share their talents and world views. Guests include musicians, authors, comedians, activists, chefs, executives and others. \$5; 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.

#### LE PASSAGE & THE DRAWING ROOM

DJ Konzept and guests spin. Cover varies; 937 N. Rush St. 312-255-0022.

#### OLE LOUNGE

\$3 caipirinhas, half-price select tapas (5-7 p.m.); 2812 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-388-3500.

#### THE ORIGINAL MOTHER'S

\$3 Sex on the Beach cocktails, DJs spin 10 p.m.; 26 W. Division St. 312-642-7251.

#### PEOPLE LOUNGE

\$4 vodka lemonades, DJs Tevo and Johnny spin world music, '80s and classic hip-hop 9 p.m. No cover; 1560 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-227-9339.

#### RELAX LOUNGE

7:30 p.m.: Dovetail Fashion Show: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? A fashion show with a family holiday dinner theme features Jeffrey D. Millbern's vintage-inspired fall collection, plus original clothing from host boutique Dovetail. Includes pizza from Paula and Monica's and PBR, plus additional drink specials. \$8-\$10; 1450 W. Chicago Ave. 312-666-6006.

#### RISQUE CAFE

\$6 ribs, \$1 Hamm's cans; 3419 N. Clark St. 773-525-7711.

#### SOUND-BAR

10 p.m.: Release Friday. DJs Danny Boy, Inphinity, Mark Centennial, Polbeeta, Joseph Durant and Billy the Kid spin. \$20. RSVP at [sound-bar.com](http://sound-bar.com) for reduced admission; 226 W. Ontario St. 312-787-4480.

#### SUBTERRANEAN

\$4 Stoli flavored cocktails, \$5 appetizer combo, DJs Trew, Intel, Maker and Pickel spin. \$5; 2011 W. North Ave. 773-278-6600.

#### TIMOTHY O'TOOLE'S

\$4 Sam Adams Light bottles, \$10 Don Julio margaritas; 622 N. Fairbanks Ct. 312-642-0700.

#### TRADER TODD'S

\$5 sunset punch, \$6.95 shrimp boil (5-8 p.m.); 3216 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-975-8383.

#### TRANSIT

DJs Frankie J, Juan the Predator and Green Eyes spin. \$15; 1431 W. Lake St. 312-491-8600.

#### VAIN NIGHTCLUB & LOUNGE

10 p.m.: Zoo Fridays. DJs Bear Who?, Trilogy, NewLife and Blakish spin hip-hop, house, R&B and dancehall. \$10; 2354 N. Clybourn Ave. 773-435-0130.

#### VICTORY LIQUORS

\$3 Kilo Kai cocktails, \$3 Coors and Coors Light bottles, \$5 40-ounce King Cobra bottles, \$5 O bombs, DJs spin '90s hip-hop 10 p.m.; 2610 N. Halsted St. 773-348-5600.

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**BOB SCHNEIDER**  
10 p.m. \$20. Double Door, 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-489-3160.

**BRYAN SCARY AND THE SHREDDING TEARS, THE XYZ AFFAIR, NEIL DIAMOND PHILLIPS**  
9:30 p.m. \$10. Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave. [housecallent.com](http://housecallent.com)

**CARL THOMAS, CASE, KEKE WYATT, BEN ONE, KWIET STORM**

6:30 p.m. \$35-\$75. Congress Theatre, 2135 N. Milwaukee Ave. 312-559-1212.

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9 p.m. \$25. Metro, 3730 N. Clark St. 773-549-0203.

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8 and 10 p.m. Cover varies. Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Ct. 312-360-0234.

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8 p.m. \$25-\$27. Park West, 322 W. Armitage Ave. 312-559-1212.

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10 p.m. \$8-\$10. Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.

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10 p.m. \$8. Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-404-9869.

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8:15 p.m. \$9. Elbo Room, 2871 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-549-5549.

**RICHARD SHINDELL**  
8 p.m. \$22.50-\$25. The Morse Theatre, 1328 Morse Ave. 773-654-5100.

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**Saturday**

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9 p.m. \$5. Double Door, 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-489-3160.

**THE ACADEMY IS..., WE THE KINGS, HEY MONDAY, CAROLINA LIAR**  
7 p.m. \$18-\$20. House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

**ANATHALLO, CALE PARKS**  
10:30 p.m. \$12-\$14. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

**BATTLE OF THE JUG BANDS: BARE**

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**JC BROOKS AND THE UPTOWN SOUND, THE SAPIENS**

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**THE SWORD**

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out and wail. With *Year Long Disaster*, Zebulon Pike. 8 p.m. Fri. \$15-\$17. Bottom Lounge, 1375 W. Lake St. 312-666-6775.

**PORTUGAL. THE MAN**

Alaskan band is the second most famous thing out of Wasilla. With *Earl Greyhound*, *Wintersleep*, *The Subjects*. 7:30 p.m. Fri. \$12-\$14. Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave. [housecallent.com](http://housecallent.com)

**MY MY MY**

Locals amplify pop's charm without any of its cuteness. With *Supersixty*. 8 p.m. Fri. \$6-\$8. Reggie's Rock Club, 2109 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

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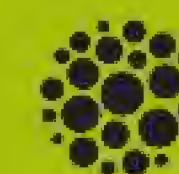
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**DEL MCCOURY BAND, JOHN REISCHMAN AND THE JAYBIRDS**  
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**FRANCIS ATTIC, MONTANA BOYS**  
10 p.m. \$5 donation. Cal's Liquors, 400 S. Wells St. 312-922-6392.

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5:45 p.m. \$10-\$20. Metro, 3730 N. Clark St. 773-549-0203.

**GIRL TALK, THE DEATH SET, CX KIDTRONIK, HOLLYWOOD HOLT**  
7:30 p.m. Sold out. Congress Theatre, 2135 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-276-3600.

**THE GOURDS, THE AUGUST, PATRICK SWEENEY**  
10 p.m. \$15. Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-404-9869.

**HOLDING MERCURY, MELISMATICS, THE GLIDE, THE MOVES**  
9 p.m. \$6-\$8. Reggie's Rock Club, 2109 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

**HOLLY LONG, MICHAEL BRANDMEIR**  
7 p.m. \$7. Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-404-9869.

**LITTLE JOY, THE DEAD TREES**  
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**MICHAEL FRANTI AND SPEARHEAD, SOLILLAQUISTS OF SOUND**  
8:30 p.m. \$28-\$30. Vic Theatre, 3145 N. Sheffield Ave. 312-559-1212.

**THE MIGHTY UNDERDOGS, ZION I**  
9 p.m. \$20. Abbey Pub, 3420 W. Grace St. 773-478-4408.

**NEVA DINOVA, MCCARTHY TRENCHING, REGO**  
9:30 p.m. \$10-\$12. Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave. housecallent.com

**O'DEATH, DRAKKAR SAUNA, ELLIOTT BROOD**  
10 p.m. \$8. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

**UMBRELLA MUSIC FESTIVAL: DOUGLAS EWART AND INVENTIONS, TCHICAI/DRAKE DUO, TRZASKA/O'REILLY/WEBER/FUJIWARA**  
9 p.m. \$15. Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.

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**ROBBIE FULKS, WACO BROS WITH SALLY TIMMS, CALIFONE, VERNON TONGES, BEAU O'REILLY AND THE CROOKED MOUTH STRING BAND**  
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#### On sale 9 a.m. Friday

**Rodney Atkins, The Lost Trailers**, Friday, Jan. 23 (\$37.50-\$47.50, all ages) at Rialto Square Theatre, Joliet.

#### On sale noon Friday

**David Bazan**, Thursday, Dec. 4 (\$12, 18+) at Schubas.

**The Sadies, Tim Easton**, Thursday, Dec. 4 (\$14, 21+) at Schubas.

#### On sale 5 p.m. Friday

**The Temptations Review featuring Dennis Edwards, Otis Clay**, Friday, Dec. 5 (\$40-\$45, all ages) at U.I.C. Forum.

#### On sale 10 a.m. Saturday

**Cheap Trick**, Wednesday, Dec. 10 (\$50, 18+) at Vic Theatre.

**Grace Potter and the Nocturnals**, Friday, Dec. 12 (\$15, 21+) at Martyrs'.

**Holy F\*\*\***, Wednesday, Dec. 31 (\$30 includes champagne toast, 21+) at Subterranean.

**Lowen and Navarro**, Sunday, Dec. 7 (\$45, 21+) at Morse Theatre.

**Straight No Chaser**, Wednesday, Dec. 3, Thursday, Dec. 4 (\$20, all ages) at Morse Theatre.

#### On sale noon Saturday

**The Art of Life Band, Reddelicious**,

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**Dr. Manhattan, The Felix Culpa, Truman and His Trophy, Tall Tale, They Found Me, They Named Me**, Monday, Dec. 22 (\$7-\$10, all ages) at Metro.

**The Hush Sound, Treaty of Paris, This is Me Smiling**, Friday, Dec. 19 (\$18-\$20, all ages) at Metro.

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**Coldplay members**  
 Guy Berryman (from left),  
 Will Champion, Chris Martin  
 and Jonny Buckland  
 L.A. TIMES FILE

## Tough going for Jackson

**New York Times News Service**

Janet Jackson is having a rough year.

Her current album, "Discipline," arrived in February to such disappointing sales that in September, with fewer than a half-million copies sold, she ended her contract with the label, Island Def Jam, leaving her independent.

On top of that, the 42-year-old singer is not choreographing any makeup dates for the seven performances on her troubled "Rock Witchu" tour that initially were postponed because of her illness "due to conflicts in the singer's schedule," said a statement released by tour organizer Live Nation on Tuesday.

The canceled stops, originally scheduled Sept. 29 to Oct. 13, include: Montreal; Boston; Philadelphia; Greensboro, N.C.; Ft. Lauderdale; Uncasville, Conn.; and Syracuse, N.Y.

Her first tour in seven years started shakily this fall, with shows suddenly canceled or postponed. Her spokesman said that Jackson, 42, suffered from vestibular migraines that could cause dizziness—a problem for a performer who, in concert, is more a dancer than a singer. The tour's original opening act, LL Cool J, dropped off the bill.

But the shows she did perform were not weighed down, some critics said. And they followed a familiar script.

Her constant subject is longing: for sex both tender and kinky but also for companionship and devotion, a theme she does well.

AP, REDEYE CONTRIBUTED.



Janet Jackson's "Rock Witchu" tour has been troubled from the start with shows suddenly canceled or postponed. AP FILE

# Hot as ever

**Coldplay on global tour as latest album's sales continue to pile up**

**Detroit Free Press**

Performing in Coldplay—performing in the world's biggest band—could get comfy. Too comfy, even.

For bassist Guy Berryman, though, the nightly thrill is intact. Stepping on stage still brings a tingle—that rush of blood, you might call it.

"I don't get nervous anymore. But I still get that great sense of excitement," he said. "I love that moment right before we go on, that anticipation of the lights coming down. It never tires for me."

Coldplay is on a global tour supporting "Vida La Vida or Death and All His Friends," the British band's fourth album. In a year of music industry struggles, the album is a big-time standout, having enjoyed the biggest debut yet for Berryman, vocalist-pianist Chris Martin, guitarist Jonny Buckman and drummer Will Champion. In the U.S. alone, the album sold 720,000 copies its first week, according to Nielsen SoundScan—more than 300,000 of them on the first day.

With sales of the album continuing to pile up, the band has been on the road nearly nonstop since June.

### NEW MUSIC

On Nov. 25, Coldplay will release "Prospekt's March," an eight-song EP featuring material left over from the "Viva la Vida" sessions and a new version of the single "Lost," remixed by Jay-Z.

"We've got four records now, so we have to get the balance right between the new album and the old songs people want to hear," Berryman said. "We try to make it as dynamic as possible from beginning to end."

A revamped production team has brought a new visual look to Coldplay's stage production and even introduced what Berryman describes as "a few things people haven't seen before at other concerts."

Chicagoans' best bets to catch the band before it goes back to Europe are Nov. 13 in Kansas City, Mo., and Nov. 14 in St. Paul.

For the decade-old band, life on the road is low-key these days.

"We destroyed ourselves a few times by not looking after ourselves—partying every night, staying up late," Berryman said, recalling the band's early days. "Certainly, for me in particular, we're really just trying to keep healthy. It's that age-old thing: healthy body, healthy mind. I'd have laughed at myself a few years ago if I could hear myself saying that. But it's true."

Coldplay will wrap up its year of touring with a series of U.K. dates in December. After a month break, the band will regroup in the studio to begin cutting material for a fifth album.

"The plan, in an ideal world," Berryman said, "is to have something finished by the end of 2009."





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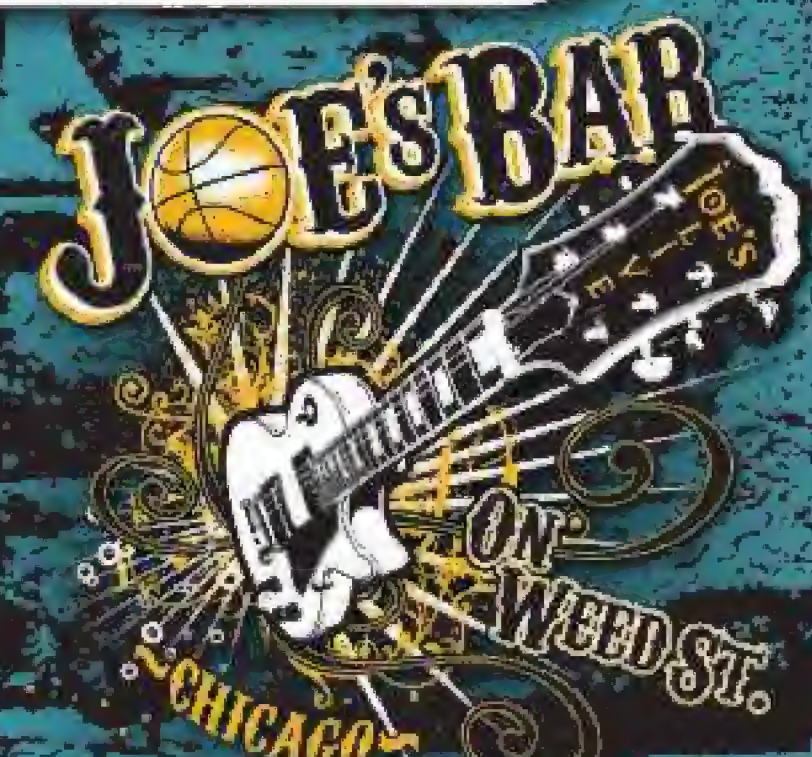


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# Don't misuse the word insecure

I'm beginning to wonder if anyone knows the true meaning of the word insecure.

People often misuse it.

My trusty Merriam-Webster's Pocket Dictionary defines insecure as uncertain, unsafe or fearful. Some people take the meaning to a different level by ascribing a value judgment; they define insecure as a byproduct of low self-esteem or paranoia.

I was listening to the radio in my car a few nights ago. I happened onto "Sticky Situation" on B96, a fun segment in which a listener calls in to described a suspicion that his/her significant other is messing around. Julian, the DJ, then prank calls the could-be cheater, claiming that he/she has won a prize, and asks for the name of the suspected cheater's significant other for the prize voucher. If the suspected cheater submits the wrong name, he/she is busted—on the air.

A female caller suspected her boyfriend of cheating. She knew the name of the alleged other woman and was looking for the truth so she could dump him if he had been cheating.

Claiming to be calling from a movie theater, Julian told Boyfriend that he had won a free trip for two to Hawaii. Boyfriend was elated and, without hesitation, named the other woman as his trip companion.

The female caller began screaming: "You [bleep]! I can't believe you [bleep] that [bleep]!"

Boyfriend's reaction was priceless; he immediately jumped on the defensive and accused her of being insecure.

At that point Boyfriend worked my last nerve, and I ceased to be entertained. I was tempted to call and deliver my inspired soliloquy (intentionally devoid of swear words, so my message would be heard loud and clear). I would have said: "Dude, you're delusional. Here's the reality: She has every right to be insecure because you've ruined the relationship by cheating, and now you're busted and embarrassed. You've caused this problem, so deal with the consequences. And get a dictionary, ding-dong."

Yes, I feel strongly about the misuse of insecure.

Many years ago when I confronted my then-boyfriend with the suspicion that he was running around with other girls, he tried to smooth it over by telling me that I was letting my insecurities get the best of me.

He did not say "No, I'm not cheating on you." It was far more convenient to tell me that I was imagining a problem based on a self-esteem deficit.

I tried to quell my booming inner voice, which told me that he was lying to me. Fortunately my inner voice is persistent, and eventually I discovered that my suspicions were warranted.

Insecurity is what it is, without judgment. Relationships in jeopardy bring about uncertainty and fear. If one party is upsetting the stability of the relationship, the other party will and should feel insecure. If it doesn't feel right, I recommend embracing the insecurity and trusting the inner voice.

I promised myself that I would never again attempt to stifle my instincts. If any future boyfriend sense that I'm feeling uncertain about the relationship, I will know he's a good guy if he has an interest in rectifying the problem together, without immediately pointing the finger of blame in my direction.

If he accuses me of being insecure, I'll try to resist the urge to call B96 and have Julian verify my sticky situation.

SEX COLUMNIST GINA B. IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

### TALK BACK

What's your inner voice telling you about dealing with a cheating significant other? E-mail Gina at [redeyesex@tribune.com](mailto:redeyesex@tribune.com). Be sure to include your full name, age and neighborhood.



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» Leonardo DiCaprio is 34 on Tuesday.  
» Anne Hathaway is 26 on Wednesday.



## Word association

We asked Paul Rudd to say the first thing that came into his head when he heard the following words: **M.P.**

**Seth Rogen—**  
“Weed”

**Judd Apatow—**  
“Hair”

**Seann William Scott—**  
“Two ‘n’s”

**Jason Segel—**  
“Gooley”

**Will Ferrell—**  
“Also gooley”

**Steve Carell—**  
“Striking”

**Sarah Palin—**  
Shudders

**Barack Obama—**  
“Hey!”

**Alicia Silverstone—**  
“Oooh ...”

**Jennifer Aniston—**  
Moans, as if aroused, and purrs.

**Elizabeth Banks—**  
Same as above.



# ‘Role’ing IN THE AISLES

**Paul Rudd talks to RedEye about his latest movie, Paris Hilton, ‘Ghostbusters’ and Adam Ant. Need we say more?**

## By Matt Pais

Not many people could turn a kids’ movie premise into an R-rated film and wind up with something that’s both funny and sweet.

But that’s exactly what Paul Rudd—who’s demonstrated varying degrees of sweetness, a dry wit and a foul mouth in films such as “The 40-Year-Old Virgin” and “Knocked Up”—has done with the comedy “Role Models.”

In the film, Rudd and Seann William Scott play two slackers who get arrested and, as their punishment, must mentor a socially awkward teen (Christopher Mintz-Plasse of “Superbad”) and a 10-year-old (Bobb’e J. Thompson) with an awfully adult vocabulary.

What follows is hilarious, profane and ultimately uplifting. The script went

## FAST-PAISED REVIEW

“With plenty of heart, constant laughs and a bring-it-on greeting to its well-deserved R rating, this is close to an ideal studio comedy.”

Matt Pais gives “Role Models” 3.5 stars out of 4. Read the complete review out [metromix.com](http://metromix.com).



through many forms in many hands, but it’s Rudd’s rewrite—with help from pals David Wain and Ken Marino—that lands on the big screen Friday.

During an interview at the Peninsula Hotel, RedEye spoke with Rudd about people’s expectations for “Role Models,” his unusual hobbies and what he has in common with Paris Hilton.

**A fan site about you is called**

**“Unassuming Charisma.” What do you think about that, and how would you describe yourself in two words?**

I’m incredibly flattered that anyone would set up a Web site for me. I didn’t [make] it. I’ve visited it a lot; a couple of times. So if I had to use two words to describe me it would be “Massive Ego.”

**People may bring kids to “Role Models” and only later find out it’s not so wholesome.**

It’s filthy ... I like the idea of a really, really raunchy R-rated kids’ movie.

**What will go through the heads of people who bring young siblings, nieces, etc.?**

They’ll leave within three minutes.

[He goes on to describe an early scene in the film, which can’t be printed here.] That’s not in a kids’ movie. It is so gross. ... And once they see the 10-year-old kid (Thompson) start saying “[Bleep] you” all over the place and accusing Seann of trying to take his pants off, it’ll be different than what they expected.

**[It’s] a movie about growing up that could destroy the nation’s youth.**

It’s a movie that I know for a fact, if I was a 13-, 14-year-old kid, I would love this movie. But I would not be able to buy tickets to it.

**What’s an unusual habit you had when you were younger that if you were assigned to a court-appointed mentor,**



## DO YOU KNOW PAUL RUDD?

Accept Paul Rudd’s challenge. Go to [metromix.com/rudd](http://metromix.com/rudd), watch Rudd’s video and see if you can identify 10 of his movies from the clues he provides.





Christopher Mintz-Plasse (from left) Paul Rudd, Seann William Scott and Bobb'e J. Thompson star in "Role Models." UNIVERSAL PICTURES

they'd be angry they had to mentor you? I had lots of weird things. I wasn't really into Dungeons and Dragons or Larping-type stuff that [Mintz-Plasse is] in the movie. But as a teenager I was way into New Wave music. [Going] into 8th grade I really prided myself—I didn't own a pair of jeans and I wore ties to school every day. I tried to kinda dress like Duckie from "Pretty in Pink." I was in a big Adam Ant phase, I asked [my mom]—'cause I had curly hair, kinda like Adam Ant—and I asked her if I could shave this part of my head [points to front of his hair] to give myself a receding hairline like Adam Ant. And she said, "No [bleeping] way am I going to let you do that!" I didn't get what a receding hairline was; I just thought it looked really cool.

**You're rumored to be appearing in the next "Ghostbusters" movie. What skill do you think you could bring to the franchise?** If I was in the next "Ghostbusters" film, I feel like I could slime just about anybody in the cast and I don't even need a ghost or a proton pack.

**That makes you qualified?** I think so. I'll do it in the room when I audition.

**Your next movie, "I Love You, Man," where you search for a best man for your wedding, is similar to Paris Hilton's show, where she looks for a new BFF. What else do you have in common with Paris?**

I have a sex tape. I'm also the heir of hotel magnates. I have my own cologne/perfume. I have several lap dogs. And for

all intents and purposes, I do think that most things are "hot."

**There's never anything in the tabloids about you. Make something up.**

I've got three balls. Down south. Who else can say that? Mark Linn-Baker from "Perfect Strangers?" And now comes a lawsuit.

**Anything else?**

No. It's a banal, very, very normal, humdrum existence. It's a nice life. I have a wife and a son and I watch "Project Runway" and I play cards on Tuesday night and I watch a football game on Sunday. As boring as this sounds, that's it. That's what you got. Jesus, I'm depressing myself now.

MATT PAIS IS METROMIX MOVIES PRODUCER.

## Raunch-o-meter

Paul Rudd and his co-stars in the new R-rated film "Role Models" aren't strangers to raunchy comedies. Here's how they rate on RedEye's raunch-o-meter. REDEYE



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### Paul Rudd

**"Model" role:** Danny, a guy so sour on life he's scared off his hot-lawyer girlfriend.  
**Raunchy past:** "Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story," "Knocked Up," "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy"



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### Jane Lynch

**"Model" role:** Gayle Sweeney, a no-nonsense nutjob and recovering addict who says "I used to eat cocaine for breakfast."  
**Raunchy past:** "Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story," "Knocked Up," "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby"



**FOULMOUTH**  
**SARAH**  
**SILVERMAN**

### Seann William Scott

**"Model" role:** Wheeler, a big, happy, strapping goof who hits on anything in a skirt.  
**Raunchy past:** "Mr. Woodcock," "American Wedding," "American Pie 2," "American Pie"



**CARTOON**  
**FOULMOUTH**  
**CARTMAN**

### Elizabeth Banks

**"Model" role:** Beth, the hot-lawyer girlfriend.  
**Raunchy past:** "Zack and Miri Make a Porno," "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," "Wet Hot American Summer"

### Christopher Mintz-Plasse

**"Model" role:** Nerd's nerd Augie, who is so deep into the medieval L.A.I.R.E. role-playing game that he almost never breaks character.  
**Raunchy past:** "Superbad"



# 'Zachary' depicts family tragedy in hopes of changing laws

## Los Angeles Times

By all accounts, Dr. Andrew Bagby was a wonderful guy—a young family-practice physician with a terrific personality and loving parents, relatives and friends.

But on Nov. 5, 2001, the 28-year-old Bagby was shot to death in Derry Township, Pa., near the hospital where he worked. He was wounded five times—in the face, the chest, twice in the buttocks and in the back of the head—with a .22-caliber handgun.

The prime suspect was his ex-girlfriend, Dr. Shirley Turner. Possessing a dual passport, she fled to St. John's in Canada's Newfoundland and soon announced she was pregnant with Bagby's child. She named their son Zachary.

Bagby's oldest friend, filmmaker Kurt Kuenne, initially wanted to make a film to honor his slain buddy for family, friends and the future recipients of the scholarships created in Bagby's name at his workplace in Pennsylvania and his alma mater, the medical school at Memorial University of Newfoundland.

But after the birth of Zachary in 2002, Kuenne changed direction and decided the documentary would be a perfect way for the little boy to get to know his father.

As it turned out, "Dear Zachary: A Letter to a Son About His Father," which opens Friday, ended up centering on Bagby's loving parents, David and

Kathleen Bagby.

The couple left their home in Sunnyvale, Calif., and moved to St. John's after Turner was arrested there, then released on bail—her psychiatrist helped pay for it—and given custody of Zachary as she awaited extradition to the U.S.

Fearing for the boy's safety, David and Kathleen Bagby attempted to win custody of him, but they ran into judicial roadblocks in Canada. While they were trying to persuade the system that Turner was unstable (she had attempted suicide when a previous boyfriend broke up with her), the Bagbys were beset with another devastating tragedy. This forms another major turning point in the film.

The target audience for "Dear Zachary," Kuenne said, is the Canadian voting public, which he hopes will change the bail and extradition laws in Canada after seeing the movie.

"We have had a lot of film festival screenings in Canada," he said. "I did a letter-writing campaign to all 400 members of the Parliament when the film had its premiere back in April, inviting them to come to a screening."

A senator from Alberta, he said, recently saw the film in Edmonton.

"I haven't talked to him yet, but he spoke to Andrew's father after the screening," he said. "The audience gave it two standing ovations."



Dear Zachary

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Worth watching?

"You don't have to be a victim's-rights advocate to share the outrage of what these traumatized people suffer to secure their grandson's safety—nor to be inspired by how they manage to turn tragedy into something worthwhile."

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Filmmaker Kurt Kuenne (left) and Dr. Andrew Bagby in April 1981 in "Dear Zachary."

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■ Role Models (R) 2:00,4:40,7:10,9:50  
■ Soul Men (R) 12:45,1:40,3:30,4:20,6:20,7:00,9:00,9:45  
■ House (R) 2:20,4:50,7:30,10:00  
■ Haunting-Molly (PG-13) 1:20,3:40,6:45,9:30  
■ Zack and Miri (R) 2:30,5:10,7:40,10:30  
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■ Zack and Miri (R) 2:15,4:50,7:15,9:50  
■ Pride and Glory (R) 10:15  
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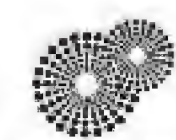
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**Soul Men**  
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after going their separate ways, former soul singers Floyd (Bernie Mac) and Louis (Samuel L. Jackson) reunite to drive from California to New York to perform at a concert honoring their recently deceased frontman.

**The verdict:** This tale of old pros quickly turns into amateur hour, with comedic hijinks way, way below the sort of situations these two vets should have to deal with. Mac and Jackson seem too angry when they're jawing at each other to land on anything funny. Much of the film feels bitter and sad rather than a better-late-than-never opportunity to rejoice. Thank heaven for the musical performances, the only moments that find soul in this slop.

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# 'Soul' searching

## Samuel L. Jackson remembers late co-star Bernie Mac

### Associated Press

The buddy road-trip movie "Soul Men" will be remembered as the untimely swan song of Bernie Mac, the Chicago comic who died in August at 50.

When it's about Mac and Samuel L. Jackson, co-starring as former band mates bickering over decades of pent-up resentments, "Soul Men" has a raunchy, buoyant energy about it. Mac and Jackson bounce off each other with expert timing and wild-eyed volatility.

That's not surprising, considering Mac and Jackson were longtime friends who had been looking for a project to do together.

"All kinds of things made it worthwhile," Jackson told the New York Times Syndicate. "Plus Bernie and I like each other a lot."

Jackson said he didn't get to spend much time with Mac, who starred in "The Bernie Mac Show," the Fox comedy series that aired from 2001 to 2006. But the Chicago comic used to perform at Jackson's golf tournament in Bermuda, the actor said.

"We used to talk about blowing up and being famous and doing all this stuff and all of that ...," Jackson said. "I would run into him at functions, and we got to get together."

In the film, Mac's Floyd Henderson and Jackson's Louis Hinds were singers for Marcus Hooks (John Legend), and the three were a popular Motown-style group. With the announcement of Marcus' death decades later, Louis and Floyd reunite for a tribute concert at the Apollo Theater in Harlem.

Mac, who died of pneumonia and the lung disease

sarcoidosis, was ill for much of the "Soul Men" shoot, but Jackson describes him as ready, willing and mostly able during production.

"Bernie was in and out of being in great health to OK health," Jackson told the Times news service. "He used his oxygen when he needed it, so between shots I was always saying, 'Bernie, put the oxygen on.'"

"But if there was an audience there and a microphone, Bernie went to work," Jackson said. "It was like a marriage made in heaven. He'd say, 'There's an audience here. I've got to tell some jokes.' So he'd be doing his standup act."

The end of "Soul Men" features a dedication to Mac and co-star Isaac Hayes, who also died in August after suffering a stroke. Among the footage is Mac cracking up extras and an interview with Mac discussing his career in which the comedian says he cherishes "each doggone moment" of his life.

Jackson, who called them "two real soul men," said Mac would have seen the film as a fitting final project.

"It's the perfect send-off for a guy we knew, admired and just were so in love with," Jackson told the news service. "It's perfect."



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# Keener stays daring with 'Synecdoche'

## Newsday

Once considered the indie movie queen, Catherine Keener has become a ubiquitous presence in films ranging from "Capote" to "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" to "Into the Wild."

With "Synecdoche, NY," opening Friday, the actress reunites with Oscar-winning screenwriter Charlie Kaufman, who wrote "Being John Malkovich," which starred Keener.

In "Synecdoche" Keener follows Kaufman further through the portal between commercial cinema and something disconcertingly, touchingly surreal, about a director (Philip Seymour Hoffman) whose entire life is reduced to an act of theater. Keener recently chatted about the audience-challenging movie.

**Did Kaufman say he gave you an 856-page script?**

I'm not sure that was literal, but it was a big, fat script. The first time I saw the film, it was four hours long, and I thought, "I can easily watch this for four hours"—that's how engrossed I was. It felt very much like a dream was made into a movie—I was riding the wave of it. I was so interested in what was going on. It felt like everyone was singing out their dream with no boundaries.

**Your part—as the artist wife of Caden, who leaves him and takes their daughter—wasn't that big on the page, but don't you sort of resonate throughout the film?**

I didn't realize that was going to happen. I didn't know I'd be recalled so much, or that she instigates the trauma by which—and this is my perception—the rest of Caden's life is informed by. Which happens with things that are traumatic. So yeah, my role was pretty small, but it felt like I had to hold that up for everyone else to keep going.

**Common wisdom says that parts in movies for women get scarcer as they go along, but you seem to be working more.**

I guess, yeah. I'm in too many movies. I work a lot because I work in a lot of these smaller-budget movies. I don't make a lot of money, consequently, so I do have to work more often. But that's my choice—to seek jobs that don't make me want to kill myself after three months of hell. For me, there has to be a reason for me to pull myself away from my family. Otherwise, I'd stay home and find a job.



Keener in  
"Synecdoche, NY"  
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**You have a real affection for your directors.**  
Most of these directors, if they asked me to stand on my head for two hours with no lines, I'd do it. Honestly. That's why I'm careful about who I work for. I really need a director. I think most actors do, and they feel they don't, but I do. I don't see the overall picture. I'm a hired gun. And I just want to hit the ball when it's my time up.

## !!! Synecdoche, NY (R)

Distraught over his wife (Catherine Keener) and daughter leaving him and an illness that he thinks is terminal, theater director Caden (Philip Seymour Hoffman) uses money from a hefty grant to stage a constantly evolving play based on real life. Nearly two decades later, Caden struggles to reunite with his grown-up daughter, connect with his assistant (Samantha Morton) and an actress (Michelle Williams).

**The verdict:** Boiling down the world into a tiny organism with long, long arms, writer-director Charlie Kaufman reaches for big ideas about love, words and art. "Synecdoche" intentionally loses grip on reality, but it also loses sight of Caden's actual life and leaves viewers curious why he so casually distances himself from people who aren't in his play. As the film continually doubles back on itself, you can't help but think that wow, this must be what it looks like when your life flashes before your eyes.

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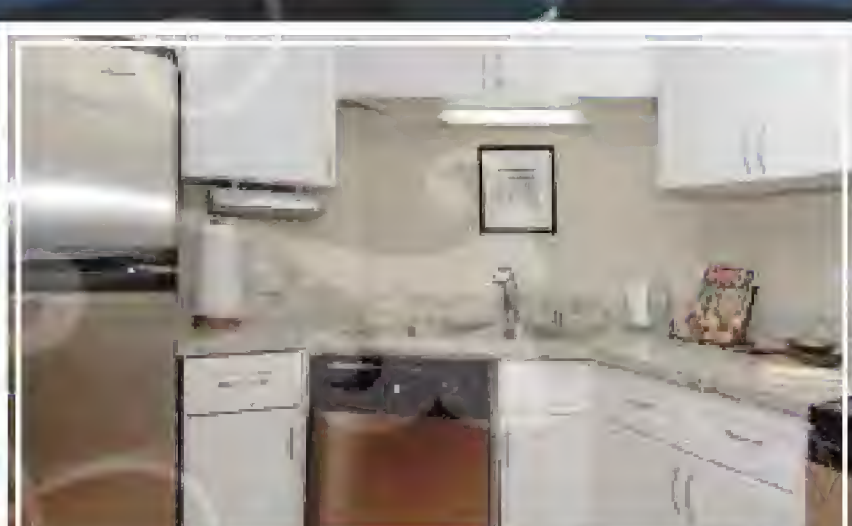
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Chris Rock as Marty the zebra



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- >> Andy Richter as Mort the penguin
- >> Will.i.am. as Moto Moto the singing hippo

## 'Madagascar' stars just wanna have fun

### The Washington Post

When Ben Stiller and Chris Rock were first asked to become a talking lion and a cartoon zebra, neither had toddlers to impress or PTA colleagues to please.

Stiller was busy strutting down fashion runways as the "really, really, ridiculously good-looking" Derek Zoolander. Rock was doing some strutting of his own, across the stages of his sold-out comedy shows.

So why'd they sign up for "Madagascar," an animated movie about escaped Central Park Zoo animals on the lam in Madagascar?

"It just seemed fun," Stiller said, now seven years later as the sequel, "Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa," opens Friday.

And it was fun, as it turned out. Fun for him, fun for Rock, fun for millions of moviegoers and more than half-a-billion dollars' worth of fun for DreamWorks.

If you want to know where Hollywood is hanging out these days, check that

DreamWorks studio. Or its competition down at Pixar. Or at the back entrance to each, banging on the door to get in.

Doing voice work for animated films has never been a more popular career move for sought-after stars, one that's enjoyable, shows some winking playfulness, offers little risk and huge potential for upside. Think Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Robin Williams, Jerry Seinfeld, Renee Zellweger, Tom Hanks.

Chris Rock has a six-word philosophy for picking film projects: "Just go with the best movie."

Thus, he signed on to "Madagascar" and its sequel simply because "they're good movies!" Makes no difference if it's live action, animated or Claymation; it's not method that matters, he says, but the material.

"I'm a comedian," he said. "Anything that's funny I want to be involved in. ... This is definitely as funny as any live-action film I've been involved in."

### Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G)

While trying to return to the Central Park Zoo from Madagascar, Alex the dancing lion (Ben Stiller), Marty the zebra (Chris Rock), Melman the giraffe (David Schwimmer), Gloria the hippo (Jada Pinkett Smith) and the rest of the gang crash in Africa. There, Alex reunites with his parents (Bernie Mac, Sherri Shepherd) and tries to prove to dad that he's tough enough to be a "real lion"; Marty attempts to distinguish himself from other zebras; and Melman longs to confess his love for Gloria. Sacha Baron Cohen and Cedric the Entertainer again lend their voices, with new contributions from Alec Baldwin and will.i.am.

**The verdict:** Totally, depressingly average, "Africa" is so irrelevant and uninspiring it practically rolls its eyes at itself.

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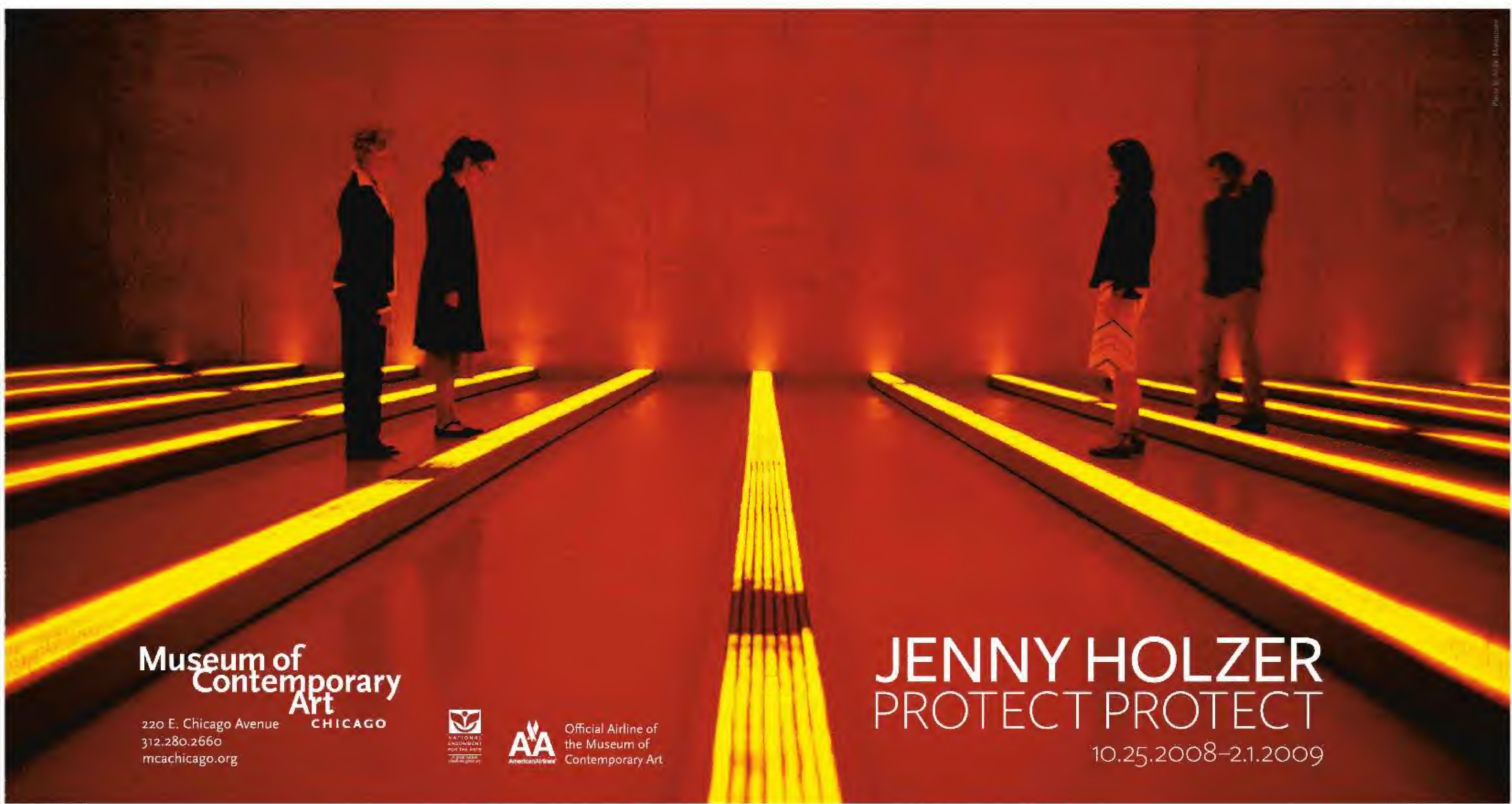
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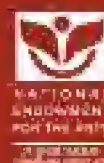
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Lilley as Jonah  
HBO

# One-man show

## Associated Press

Chris Lilley is a triple threat—twice over.

The Australian comic created, wrote and stars in the mockumentary “Summer Heights High,” which debuts at 9:30 p.m. Sunday on HBO.

And he plays the eight-part series’ three main characters: an unruly misfit named Jonah; a snooty 16-year-old, Ja’mie; and Mr. G, the showoff drama teacher.

The series, which became a hit last year in Australia, follows the “documentary” framework of “The Office”: Subjects discuss themselves for the camera, then are soon contradicted when the camera catches them in “candid” behavior. Self-delusion is epidemic at this school, where Mr. G reckons he’s an inspirational figure, however narcissistic his song-and-dance demonstrations, and where even Ja’mie’s tossed-off pleasantries betray her meanness (“Oh, you’ve got wheelchair people! That’s so cute!”).

To play Ja’mie, who arrives as an exchange student from her posh private girls school, “I knew I wanted there to be a contrast between this girl who everyone thinks is wonderful and amazing but who’s really nasty and selfish,” Lilley said.

Lilley created Mr. G during a stint as a stand-up comic. Now the character is in full flower as a small-time spectacle of oversized ego who composes a song for the student musical celebrating his own presumed virtuosity: “My name is Mr. G/Three



Lilley as Ja'mie

## OTHER ACTS

Chris Lilley played five characters on his 2005 series, “We Can Be Heroes: Finding the Australian of the Year.”

talents one, two, three! Singing and dancing/ And acting is my life!”

To flesh out the characters, Lilley spent months embedded in numerous Aussie schools, gathering material and soaking up the atmosphere.

“I wanted to make sure I was very current. I didn’t want the show to be an old person’s perspective,” said Lilley, 34. “You have ideas that you just want to confirm. You write a scene about a staff meeting, but you want to sit in on a staff meeting, and make sure all the details are right.”

Lilley doesn’t use much makeup or other tricks to play his characters, but he did have to redecorate the shooting location, Brighton Secondary College in suburban Melbourne.

“It’s a quite nice-looking place,” he said, “but I was very keen to make it appear that it was a lower-income school. So we made it look quite ugly.”

Classes were in session during the three-month shoot, with Brighton students in non-speaking parts.

At first, Ja’mie raised eyebrows in the hallways.

“We got a few funny looks: ‘What is the tranny doing in our school?’”

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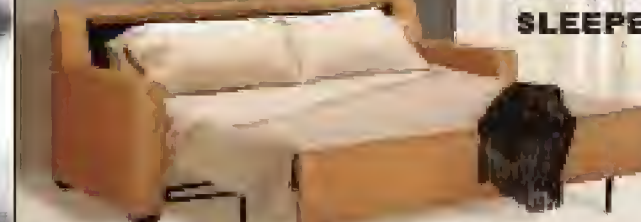
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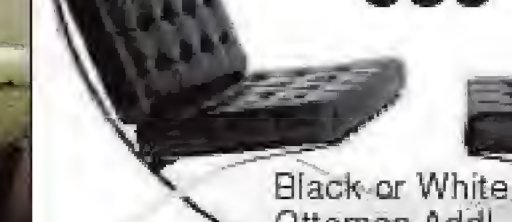
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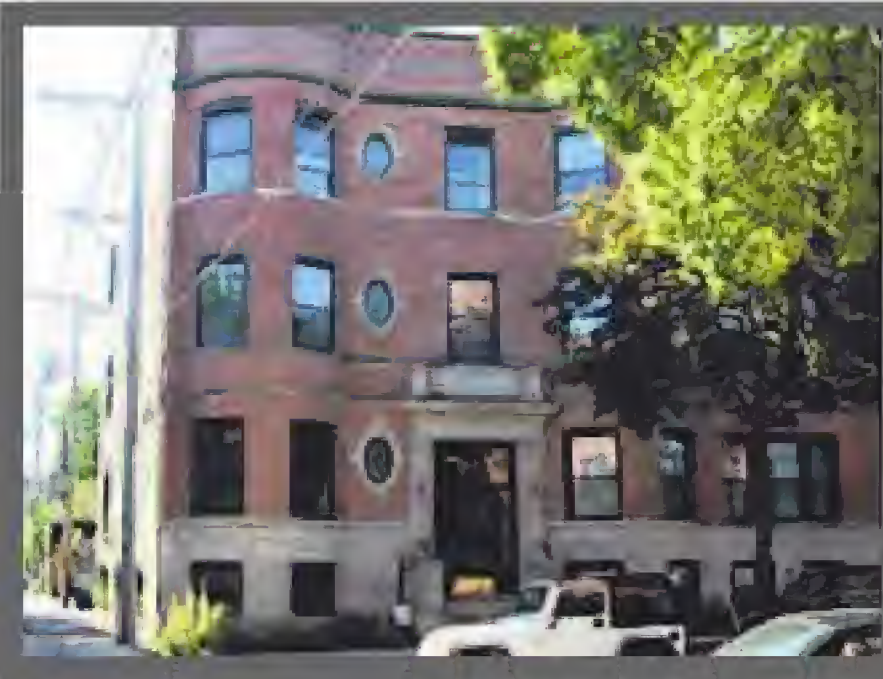
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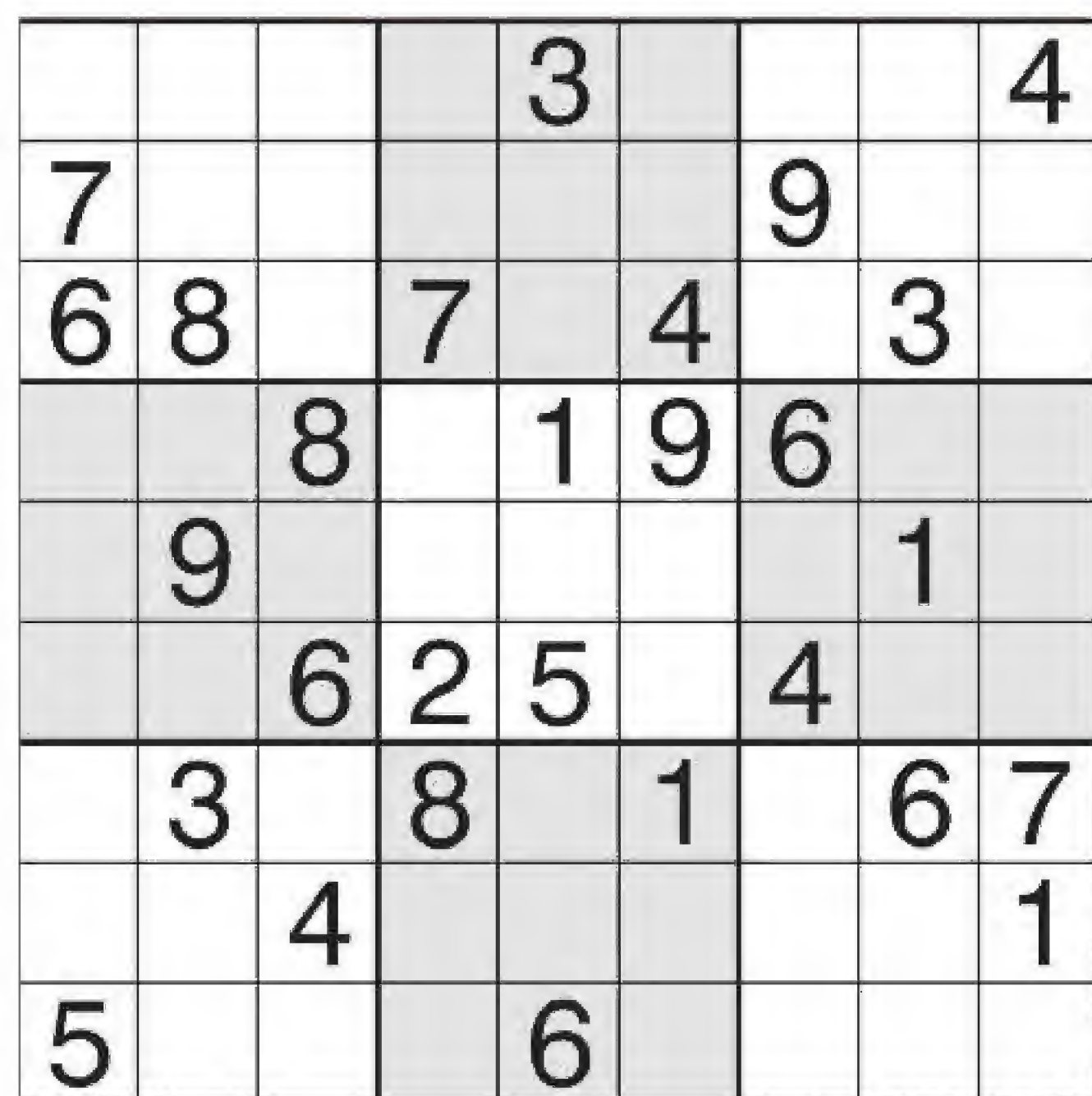
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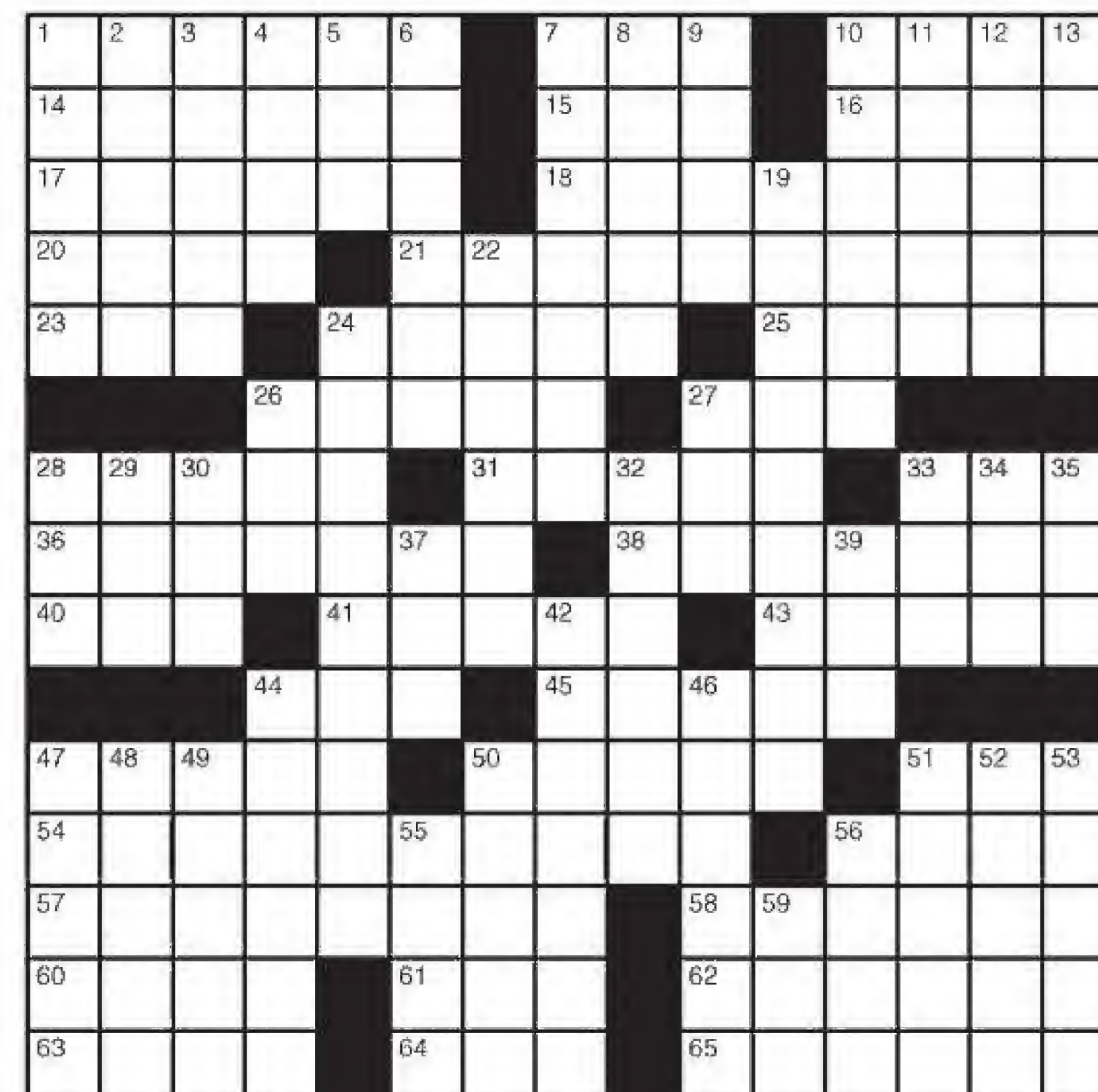
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## Up-and-comer working with A-list actors

Daniel Craig. Hilary Swank. Johnny Depp.

These are just a few of the big names that young Mia Wasikowska is (or soon will be) working with in Hollywood these days.

So who the heck is she?

The Australian actress is, quite simply, a person whose name you might want to remember. (We know it's hard, but try.)

She's playing Alice opposite Depp in the much-talked-about "Alice in Wonderland" update, and she worked with Craig in "Defiance," a World War II film getting early Oscar buzz. Oh, and she also has a role in the upcoming biopic "Amelia," in which Swank plays Amelia Earhart. Plus, she tore it up the first season of HBO's "In Treatment."

Not bad for someone who hasn't hit 20 yet.

Because we're all about getting the early scoop, RedEye decided this would be the ideal time to investigate a possibly rising star.

L.A. DAILY NEWS CONTRIBUTED.

# Mia in Wonderland



Wasikowska  
AP

## What we know

### She's modest

"It's very different from [the world] I know from growing up," she says of her sudden movie-star life. "It's something new and, yeah, it's definitely an experience. It's a lot of fun and something I never really expected. It's great."



### She's down with Johnny Depp and filming "Alice"

"It's going really well; it's a lot of fun," she says. "He's such a nice guy and makes it very easy for you to feel like the character. Basically, it's just fun every day."

### She knows Disney

"You sort of grow up on those films no matter where you are. When I was in Poland [working], all the kids were watching the same films with subtitles and stuff like that. It's a big part of our culture, Disney films."

## What we want to know

### What does she think about Daniel Craig—or the new Bond movie?

Surely Wasikowska crossed paths with the "Quantum of Solace" star while filming "Defiance," a film about three brothers who escape Nazi-occupied Poland. Did they talk? What did she think?

### Has she ever considered a stage name?

Not that there's anything wrong with Wasikowska. Just sayin' it's a tongue-twister.

### How do you go from working on a TV show in 2004 to rubbing elbows with Hollywood bigwigs only four years later?

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## Tying the knot—but not with Hef

Good-bye, Hugh Hefner; hello, Hank Baskett.

“Girls Next Door” star Kendra Wilkinson is engaged to the Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver, her ex Hefner tells [usmagazine.com](http://usmagazine.com).

“Kendra Wilkinson has met someone who she would like to spend the rest of her life with,” the Playboy magnate says. “He popped the question last Saturday.

So is Hef cool with all this?

“I have given her my blessing and will be giving her away at a very special wedding ceremony at the Playboy Mansion this coming June,” he says.

### ‘Hills’ guy in hot water

Looks like Jason Wahler is in trouble. A jury says the former “Laguna Beach” personality and occasional “Hills” character owes a tow truck driver \$5,000 in damages for a confrontation more than two years ago, The Associated Press reports. The driver said Wahler punched him in the face and hurled racial slurs at him and other blacks during a fight in September 2006.

### ‘Not a victim’

Christina Applegate doesn’t want you to feel sorry for her. The breast cancer survivor says fighting the disease is tough—but she’s not looking for pity. “Yes, it’s hard. It sucks,” the “Samantha Who?” actress tells TV Guide in a new interview, according to [usmagazine.com](http://usmagazine.com) excerpts. “But I’m not a victim.”



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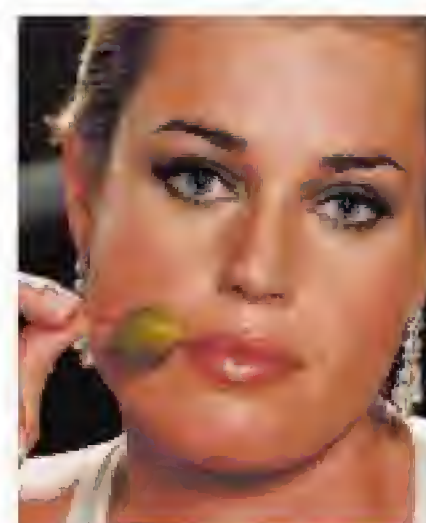
### Child labor?

Miley Cyrus tells Tyra Banks her first job was cleaning toilets—at age 11.

OUT

### Classy descriptions of pregnancy

“I’m a beached whale!” Rebecca Romijn tells Page Six magazine about expecting twins.



WHATEVER

### Jada Pinkett Smith

She’s happy with voicing a rotund character in “Madagascar 2,” she tells AP: “I’ve always wanted more body. So I got to play a hippo.”



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## Celebrity twin

Do you look like a celebrity? Show us! Send your picture along with the name of the celeb who shares your style to [jxwalsh@tribune.com](mailto:jxwalsh@tribune.com). For Friday, we have Travis McWilliam. Think he’s a ringer for Mark Prior? Text “twin” and the number of your opinion to **47383**. You’ll get the poll results instantly.

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McWilliam



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## Emergency situation

Is George Clooney coming back to the Windy City? The former "E.R." heartthrob just might show up in the May finale of the show based in Chicago, according to former co-star Noah Wyle.

"From what I heard, George said, 'absolutely,' schedule permitting," Wyle tells TV Guide, according to E!

News excerpts.

A rep for Clooney wouldn't comment other than to say, "This story is not confirmed." So we'll just have to wait and see then.

## 'B' is for Barack

Barack Obama, Beyonce wants to sing at your inauguration.

"I'm there.

I can't wait.

I feel like all of us, we're ready to do whatever we have to do.

Whatever they want — if they need me to volunteer, they need me to sing, I'm there, and I'm ready," she tells The Associated Press.

Beyonce said she watched the election returns in her home after postponing a trip to Japan to promote her new album. "I said ...

I have to go home, I'm gonna kill myself if I'm not home in America."

## Wanting more 'Sex'

Could it possibly be true?

"Sex and the City" star Kim Cattrall, a.k.a. Samantha Jones, says there could be a sequel to this year's film.



Cattrall

"We wanted to the first time, and now we're hopefully doing it again for the second time," Cattrall told a U.K. radio station, according to a BBC news report out Thursday.

She said it was "difficult getting everybody who's so incredibly busy all together at the same time."

Stay tuned.

## 'Office' gossip

Tuesday's election made Ed Helms a little nostalgic for his days as a correspondent on "The Daily Show," but the actor isn't eager to quit "The Office."



Helms

"I feel so lucky to be part of 'The Office,' and it's so fun consistently," Helms told reporters during a conference call Thursday. "I loved being in the fake news business, but it was so taxing to do those interviews."

## LiLo pal gets political

Lindsay Lohan's pal Samantha Ronson was one of many celebrities to speak Wednesday about the California proposition that reverses a ruling to allow same-sex marriage in the state.

"I guess people care more about farm animals than they do their fellow man, that's really sad to me," Ronson said, referring to California's passing of an animal-rights proposition and also Proposition 8, the one overturning the gay-marriage ruling.

"I am glad that the chickens will have more room and better conditions as they wait to die, but I just think it's frightening that people show more compassion for tomorrow's dinner than for the chef."

## 45

The number of consecutive days actor Josh Lucas wore a Barack Obama shirt, Lucas told the New York Observer.



Lucas